

Legislation is held to include woman. But the case is different in those parts of the British dominions where full citizen-rights are not as yet granted to women. In those parts, including the British Isles, an Englishwoman who marries an alien loses by that act her nationality, and with it all protection as a British subject. She is counted from that moment a subject of the land to which her husband belongs. And from this position there is no return. Even if her husband dies, or if she divorces him, or he divorces her, she remains an alien, and cannot regain her status as an Englishwoman except by the process of a second marriage with a British subject.

A case such as this reveals clearly what is the position before the law of a married woman in countries where these antiquated laws prevail. She is the mere chattel of her husband, and as far as nationality goes she has none of her own. An instance from New Zealand will be fresh in the minds of many. An Englishwoman, married in London to an American, had settled with her husband in Auckland. Believing herself still a British subject she sought to take up her voter's right. Her husband, on his side, wished to retain his own nationality. The local judge declared that the wife had lost her nationality by marriage, and consequently her name could not stand on the voters' roll.

Marriages between Australian and New Zealand girls and foreigners are pretty common. How many of these brides realise that if they leave their native land for residence elsewhere, even under the British flag, that flag is no longer their own? They have no choice in the matter. They are Austrians, Russians, Italians—that you will, but not legally Englishwomen.

Now, the ordinary mind will naturally expect that, in the march of progress, the new Imperial law will redress this wrong. Incredible as it may seem, the removal of the grievance is a matter of doubt. Englishwomen are left where they were. Nay, more, there are some legal authorities who hold that because the Australian and New Zealand Naturalisation Acts do not definitely state that the word "man" includes "woman," the old Imperial Act of 1870 overrides them. So, not only may the present evil be perpetuated, but Australian and New Zealand women may, in their own countries, lose the rights which they now believe themselves to possess.

In June, 1911, when the Imperial Conference was sitting in London, a number of Australian and New Zealand women, then in England, brought the question before the notice of every member of the Conference. They also went in deputation to the Australian Premier, who promised that no new Imperial Naturalisation Act would be accepted by his Government which did not secure to Australian women the rights they already possessed. Sir J. G. Ward gave a similar assurance.

The hon. sec. of the Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Committee (London) has just written to both Premiers, reminding them of these assurances, and expressing the hope that the matter will be kept in view by their respective Governments when the draft of the new bill comes up for discussion.

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SCHEDULE.
TOWN OF ROTORUA.—73 Town Lots, generally 1 rood each, upset annual rental from £5 to £8 10/; also 3 Suburban Lots, from 10 acres to 16 acres; annual rental from £3 10/ to £5 per lot.
Term of lease, 21 years, with perpetual right of renewal for the same term, at revaluation, in accordance with the provisions of "The Public Bodies Leases Act, 1908."
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From 2nd to 13th April (both days inclusive) Excursion Tickets, available between Auckland, Frankton Junction, and intermediate stations, will NOT be accepted on the 10.0 a.m. Auckland-Rotorua Express Train. Passengers for these stations will require to travel by the 10.55 a.m. Express Train.
From 3rd to 12th April (both days inclusive) Extra Express Train will leave Auckland for Wellington on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and Wellington for Auckland at 12.35 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

From 3rd to 13th April (inclusive), Express Trains will leave Auckland daily (Sundays excepted) for Rotorua at 10.0 a.m., for Tamaramuni and Cambridge at 10.33 a.m., for Thames and Waikā at 10.55 a.m. Express Trains for Auckland will leave Rotorua at 9.30 a.m., Tamaramuni 8.30 a.m., Thames 10.15 a.m., Waikā 10.20 a.m., and Cambridge at 12.5 p.m. The 10.0 a.m. and 10.35 a.m. Express Trains from Auckland will NOT stop at stations between Auckland and Frankton except to pick up passengers for Rotorua, Tamaramuni, and Cambridge lines respectively.

On Thursday, 4th April, a Special Express Train will leave Auckland for Rotorua at 10.40 p.m. This train will stop at Okoroire and Putaruru Stations only. On same date a Special Train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 11.0 p.m., connecting at Frankton with Special Express Train leaving Frankton for Rotorua at 5.0 a.m. on Good Friday morning.

On Monday, 8th April, a Special Express Train will leave Rotorua for Auckland at 9.30 p.m.

On Thursday, 4th April, a Special Express Train will leave Tamaramuni for Auckland at 10.20 p.m. A train leaving Rotorua for Frankton at 9.0 p.m. on Thursday, 4th April, will connect at Frankton with this train.

On Monday, 8th April, a Special Express Train will leave Auckland for Tamaramuni at 10.35 p.m., connecting at Frankton with 5.0 a.m. Express Train, Frankton to Rotorua, on Tuesday morning. BY ORDER.
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J. F. HARTLAND,
Secretary.



District Lands Office,
Auckland, 14th March, 1912.
IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A SALE OF TOWN AND SUBURBAN AREAS IN TAUPŌ, as below, will take place at the Courthouse, Taupo, on THURSDAY, 18th April, 1912, at 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE.
TOWN OF TAUPŌ.—106 Town Lots, in area from 1 rood 24 perches to 23 perches; upset prices from £10 to £10 per lot. Also, Nine Suburban Lots, from 4 acres to 3 acres; upset from £50 to £10 per lot.

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