

PERMITS FOR EXPORT OF HIDES AND CALF-SKINS.

THE following notification by the Comptroller of Customs, which appeared in the *Gazette* of 6th March, is published for further information:—

Whereas by Order in Council of the 16th day of April, 1918, the export of hides and calf-skins to any destination is prohibited save with the consent of the Minister of Customs: And whereas it is expedient to publish, for the information of all whom it may concern, the conditions on which such consent will be given: Now, therefore, it is hereby publicly notified as follows:—

1. The notice dated 6th December, 1918, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 12th December, 1918, is hereby cancelled.

2. Applications for permits for the export of hides and calf-skins must be made in writing to the Collector of Customs at the intended port of shipment.

3. The Board of Trade will at the ports of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin appoint representatives of the tanners of New Zealand, and no permit will be granted unless the applicant satisfies the Collector of Customs at the intended port of shipment, by the production of documentary evidence and in such other manner as the Collector may require, that the hides or calf-skins have been offered for sale to the tanners of New Zealand through such representatives at each of the said ports at prices not exceeding those specified in the First Schedule hereto (or such other prices as may from time to time be substituted therefor by the Minister of Customs on the recommendation of the Board of Trade), and have been refused in such circumstances as to show that the goods are not required for local purchase at those prices.

4. No permit will be granted for the export of hides or calf-skins by or on behalf of any tanner carrying on business in New Zealand or by or on behalf of any person who has purchased hides or calf-skins from any such tanner.

5. Every application for a permit shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

6. When the ultimate destination is not the United Kingdom or a British possession, such further conditions and restrictions as the Minister of Customs thinks fit will be imposed on the grant of permits.

The First Schedule is as follows:—

1. Free on board at the nearest port,—

	Per lb.
	s. d.
Ox-hides, first quality, over 45 lb., up to freezing companies' best standard	1 1
Others, first quality	1 0
Ox-hides, second quality	0 11½
Cow-hides, first quality, up to freezing companies' best standard	1 0
Others, first quality	0 11
Cow-hides, second quality	0 10½
Bull-hides, good quality	0 9
Calf-skins, first quality, 10 lb. and under	1 6
All other grades and qualities, including cut and slippy hides and calf-skins at relative values.	

2. Otherwise than free on board at the nearest port, prices equivalent as regards the seller to the foregoing prices.

The tare allowances shall be as follows: On all hides up to the best freezing-works' standard, which have been properly washed before salting, 4 per cent. On all other hides the tare to be—Per hide, 6 lb. to 16 lb., 1 lb.; 17 lb. to 32 lb., 2 lb.; 33 lb. to 69 lb., 4 lb.; 70 lb. and over, 6 lb.

Fowl-wheat and Seed-wheat.—As was the case last year, the maximum price, to the grower, of "free" inferior wheat has been fixed at 2d. per bushel less than the Government price of good milling-wheat in the same month. The maximum selling-price of seed-wheat is again 5d. per bushel higher than that of the millers' price for good milling, and machine-dressed seed is allowed a further addition of 5d. per bushel. A wheat-grower may sell directly to any other grower wheat in quantity not aggregating more than 100 bushels for use as seed by the purchaser.