

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Deaths.

- No. 472A. Senior Sergeant Burrows, John. 19th November, 1918.
- No. 856. Constable Luke, William Duncan. 21st November, 1918.
- No. 1063. Constable Nash, John. 16th November, 1918.
- No. 1273. Constable Robinson, John William. 21st November, 1918.
- No. 1661. Constable McRoberts, Willfred Gilmore. 17th November, 1918.
- No. 1775. Constable Gordine, George Arthur. 18th November, 1918.
- No. 1787. Constable Doak, John Samuel. 30th November, 1918.
- No. 1791. Constable Pettit, Ralph Wakefield. 28th November, 1918.
- No. 1814. Constable McKenzie, John Lachlan. 26th November, 1918.
- No. 1820. Constable Thomas, Ronald Frederick. 18th November, 1918.
- No. 1889. Constable Garvey, John. 14th November, 1918.
- No. 1933. Constable Hicks, Hubert Edgar. 5th November, 1918.
- No. 1996. Constable Hasselberg, Dan. 14th November, 1918.
- No. 2002. Constable O'Gorman, John Joseph. 13th November, 1918.
- No. 2061. Constable Smyth, James. 5th November, 1918.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice desires to place on record here his deep regret for the death of these valuable officers, and his sense of the loss the Department has sustained thereby. He also desires to express his admiration of the manner in which all ranks acquitted themselves during the influenza epidemic and thus obtained the approbation of the people in general. I desire to be associated with the Hon. the Minister in this expression of his sentiments.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

16th December, 1918.

Registration of Deaths of Maoris.

It has been reported that numbers of deaths of Maoris which occurred during the influenza epidemic have not been registered, and the Registrar-General desires the assistance of the police in securing the registration of such deaths. Some of the districts in which it is reported that deaths have not been registered are Otahuhu, Taumarunui, Ngaruawahia (Waikoria Settlement), Morrinsville (Tahuna), Port Waikato, Hastings, Waitara, Karioi, and Otaki.

Members of the Force are directed to render all possible assistance in having all deaths of Maoris registered. Guide forms for registration purposes may be obtained from the local Registrars of Births and Deaths of Maoris.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 16th December, 1918.
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Candidates for Police Force.

In view of the demobilization of the Military Forces, which is now being carried out, recruiting for the Police Force will be resumed on the conditions obtaining before the passing of the Military Service Act, 1916.

Attention is drawn to Regulation No. 159 in regard to members of the Force advising suitable men to make application for enrolment.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 17th December, 1918.

Public Service Association.—Police Ballot.

Office of the Minister of Justice,
Wellington, 18th December, 1918.

To the members of the Police Force.

Referring to my memorandum of 30th September published in the *Police Gazette*, 1918, page 577, the result of the ballot as communicated to me by Mr. Riddell, S.M., the scrutineer, is as follows:—

Votes in favour of a separate Police Association	..	87
Votes in favour of joining the Public Service Association	697	
Votes against forming any association	..	34
Informal votes	..	38
Total number of votes	..	856

I repeat my intimation that I have no objection to members of the Force joining the Public Service Association. The original notice published in the *Police Gazette*, 1913, page 474, has always remained and still remains in force. To enable the functions of membership to be exercised without conflict with the regulations, I purpose to recommend that the following proviso be added to Regulation 174: "Provided, however, that nothing in this regulation shall be held to prohibit members of the Force from becoming members of the Public Service Association of New Zealand."

I trust that the form of procedure to be adopted will ensure that every police member of the association shall be informed of the matters discussed, and have an opportunity of expressing his views and recording his vote.

I must, however, reserve to the Minister the full right to limit hereafter and define the matters which may be discussed and dealt with by virtue of association, and to safeguard the preservation of discipline in such a manner as he may think necessary.

In the meantime officers in charge of districts should place no obstruction in the way of members of the Force exercising the functions of membership of the association by way of attendance at meetings, but the routine of police duties must be adhered to.

I desire the police members of the association to hold their meetings in police premises and not elsewhere without special permission of the officer in charge of the district, and members of the executive of the association, but no others, may attend the meetings when necessary.

THOMAS M. WILFORD,
Minister of Justice.

Members of the Force will please note that this is the last publication of the *Police Gazette* this year.

EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

(From *New Zealand Gazette*, 1918, pages 3980 and 3932.)

Authority to issue Permits to solicit Contributions for a War Fund.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 6th December, 1918.

IT is hereby notified for public information that, pursuant to section 33 of the War Legislation Act, 1917, I have this day authorized the following persons to issue permits to solicit contributions on behalf of the Maori Soldiers Fund Council within the districts named:—

MERITO HETARAKA, of Whakatane, for the Matatua Maori Council District.
MOREHU KIRIKAU, of Maketu, for the Arawa Maori Council District.

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Approval of Juvenile Probation Officers.

Education Department,
Wellington, 5th December, 1918.

By virtue of the power vested in me by section 10 of the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1917, I, Josiah Alfred Hanan, the Minister of Education, do hereby notify my approval of the appointment of

ELLEN MARIA HUNT and
JANE GRAHAM RALSTON

as Juvenile Probation Officers.

J. A. HANAN,
Minister of Education.