

SCALE OF ALLOWANCE AND MINIMUM PERIODS OF ISSUE.

8. The following are the scale of allowance of uniform and the minimum period for which each article is to remain on issue:—

Coat, Night Duty.—One every three years. At stations where regular night duty is not performed the coats should last for a much longer period. This coat will not be issued to clerks or mounted men, nor to constables in charge of country stations, except where recommended on account of special circumstances.

Coat, Waterproof.—One every two years.

Chevrons, Silver.—Three sets on promotion to rank of sergeant; to be replaced as recommended.

Crowns, Silver.—Three on appointment as senior sergeant; to be replaced as recommended.

Frock.—First issue on joining the Force, second issue in twelve months, and subsequent issues every eighteen months.

Shako.—One every two years, excepting where white helmets are worn, when it should last two and a half years.

Helmet, Blue.—One every three years.

Helmet, White.—One every three years.

Leggings.—For mounted men; one pair every two years.

Riding Breeches.—One pair every nine months.

Trousers.—One pair every nine months.

QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS.

9. The quantities of materials allowed for making up articles of uniform for men of average size are as follows:—

Frocks.—Sergeants and constables: $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards braid, 1 yard cord (shoulder), $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards tweed, three collar-studs.

Frocks.—Senior sergeants: 8 yards braid, 1 yard cord (shoulder), $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards tweed, three collar-studs.

Ribbon (for Long-service Medal).— $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. with frock issue to those entitled to wear it.

Riding Breeches.— $1\frac{3}{8}$ yards Bedford cord.

Trousers.— $1\frac{3}{8}$ yards tweed.

MEASUREMENTS.

10. In requisitions for coats the length from seam under the collar to full length of coat must be stated in inches, and also the chest-measurement taken over the frock. The bottom of the waterproof coat should be 12 in. and the night-duty coat 18 in. from the ground. When requisitioning for leggings the measurement round calf over riding breeches shall be given.

REQUISITIONS.

11. All members of the Force entitled to uniform in accordance with the "Scale of Allowance" shall submit requisitions in duplicate (Forms Nos. 86 and 87) for the same to officers in charge of districts, who will, after satisfying themselves that the minimum period of issue has expired and that the articles should be replaced, transmit the requisitions to the Police Storekeeper, Wellington, to make the necessary issues. Officers in charge must see that a note is made on the back of the blue requisition form (No. 86) by the officer or non-commissioned officer who inspects the clothing, certifying that he has examined the member's uniform, that the articles applied for are actually required, and that the sizes specified in the requisition are correct. The inspection and certifying must be performed by an officer wherever possible.

12. The original requisition (Form No. 86) will be forwarded to the member receiving the clothing, who shall sign the receipt and promptly send it to the officer in charge of the district. After the necessary entries on the clothing-issue sheets (Form No. 88) have been made, the requisition shall be returned to the Storekeeper.

13. The sizes of helmets, shakos, and overcoats shall be entered on the clothing-issue sheets (Form No. 88) for the purpose of checking requisitions before they are sent to the Police Storekeeper.

14. Any requisition for uniform clothing not strictly in accordance with the "Scale of Allowance" must be submitted to the Commissioner of Police, together with a report from the applicant stating the necessity for the supply, and the officer in charge of the district shall endorse thereon his views upon the application.

15. Articles of foot uniform and mounted uniform will not be issued to the same member of the Force, nor will any fresh issue be made before the minimum period of issue has expired (except to replace articles lost or damaged in the execution of duty), unless payment is made in respect of the unexpired portion of the minimum period of issue. Payment must be made similarly in respect of any article required to replace one lost by a member of the Force through his own neglect.

UNIFORM CLOTHING ON PAYMENT.

16. Where any article of uniform clothing is authorized to be issued on payment, a requisition must be submitted in

duplicate (Forms Nos. 89 and 90), and a report is to be attached stating the necessity for the article applied for.

17. After issue the requisition form (No. 89) shall be received by the member to whom the article is issued. The date of payment to Public Account and number of sub-receiver's receipt must be entered at foot of the requisition, which shall then be forwarded to the Police Storekeeper.

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING.

18. The night-duty coat, waterproof coat, shako, and helmets when replaced by new articles shall be retained by the individual members of the Force, so as to be on hand in case of emergency. They must not be disposed of without authority until after the third issue of the same articles, in order that each member of the Force may possess his new issue and previous issue of these items. By using the second-hand articles for night duty and rough work considerable economy in clothing supplies can be effected.

19. When members of the Force are transferred from foot to mounted duty, or *vice versa*, and waterproof coats for the respective duties are supplied, the coat replaced must be returned to the Police Storekeeper. Foot-constables appointed to mounted duty must also hand in their night-duty coats to be similarly returned, unless their retention is recommended by the officer of the district, and authorized by the Commissioner.

20. A member of the Force on leaving the service, or on his appointment to the Detective branch, must hand in all articles of uniform clothing, excepting trousers, to the officer in charge of the district, who will at once return them to the Police Storekeeper, Wellington, together with "Received" and "Delivered" forms (No. 32), showing the registered number and name of the member of the Force by whom the articles were handed in. When waterproofs are returned the capes if on issue must be attached to the coats.

21. The member of the Force receiving clothing handed in must see that it is thoroughly brushed and cleaned before accepting it. He must also satisfy himself that the articles handed in are the last issue, and that a previous issue has not been substituted therefor. All clothing handed in must be carefully examined, and a charge made for any damage not the result of fair wear.

22. Non-commissioned officers upon promotion to commissioned rank must hand in night-duty coats, waterproof coats, shakos, and helmets for return to store.

23. In returning helmets, a white helmet must not be placed inside another helmet, so as to avoid discolouration.

24. On the death of any member of the Force, provided it is not from an infectious disease, the free-issue clothing, excepting trousers, is to be returned to the Police Storekeeper; if death results from an infectious disease, the clothing must be destroyed, and deceased's clothing-issue sheet endorsed accordingly.

W. B. McILVENEY, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 19th May, 1928.

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EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

Open Season for the Taking or Killing of Opossums.

Auckland, Buller, East Coast, Grey, Hawera, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, North Canterbury, Otago, Rotorua, South Canterbury, Southland, Stratford, Taranaki, Waimate, Waitaki, Wanganui, Wellington, and Westland (See New Zealand Gazette, 1928, pages 1639-1648.)

Regulations under the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926, relating to the Design, Construction, and Condition of Motor-ombuses.

(See New Zealand Gazette, 1928, pages 1649-1652.)

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 10th day of May, 1928.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. G. COATES, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section eighteen of the Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excel-