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Appointments and Regulations under "The New Zealand Government Insurance Association Act, 1884."

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS,
Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this fifth day of December, 1884.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities vested in him by the ninth section of "The New Zealand Government Insurance Association Act, 1884," and of all other powers and authorities in this behalf enabling him under the said Act, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby make the appointments and regulations hereinafter mentioned and set forth for conducting the first election of directors under the said Act, and doth declare that such appointments and regulations shall respectively take effect as from the date of the publication hereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

REGULATIONS.

1. For the purpose of conducting and completing the first election of three directors as members of the Board constituted under "The New Zealand Government Insurance Association Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), Francis Eastwood Campbell, of Wellington, Esquire, Clerk of Parliaments, shall be Presiding Officer, and James Ames, of the same place, Gentleman, and Robert Smith McGowan, of Wellington aforesaid, Clerk, shall be Assistants to such Presiding Officer.

2. The Presiding Officer shall act in the capacity of a Returning Officer as nearly as may be; and, subject to the provisions of the said Act and of these regulations, shall decide all questions arising as to the sufficiency of the nomination of any candidate or the validity of any vote tendered on behalf of any candidate, and generally on any matter incidentally arising in or in respect of any election under these regulations.

3. As soon as conveniently may be after these regulations take effect, but at least five days before the day of nomination aforesaid, the Presiding Officer shall give notice in at least one newspaper published in and circulating in the cities or towns of Auckland, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Wellington, Napier, Nelson, Christchurch, Hokitika, Greymouth, Westport, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, and Invercargill respectively, and at such other places as he deems expedient, of the intention to hold an election of three directors under the provisions of the said Act; but the omission to give any such notice shall not be deemed to vitiate any election.

Such notice shall be in the form contained in the First Schedule hereto, or to the effect thereof, and shall state the day of election, and the date up to which, and the place at which, nominations of candidates will be received.

4. Candidates shall be nominated in writing, in the form set forth in the Second Schedule hereto or to the effect thereof, and such writing shall be signed by two policy-holders qualified to vote at the election, and also by the candidate himself. In addition to his signature, each policy-holder shall also add the number of the policy in respect of which he claims to vote.

If he hold more than one policy qualifying him to vote, it shall be sufficient to state the number of one such policy.

If the person nominated has not so signified his assent to the nomination, the Presiding Officer shall not reject such nomination if he is satisfied by any other means that such person is a candidate.

5. Every such nomination when so signed shall be enclosed in an envelope, and be sent by post addressed to the Presiding Officer, Government Insurance Office, Wellington, or delivered personally at the said office, addressed as aforesaid, so as to reach such Presiding Officer before noon of the twentieth day of December now instant.

6. The nominations of candidates for the office of director shall be made on or before the said twentieth day of December; and the election of directors shall be held at the Government Insurance Office, Customhouse Quay, Wellington, on the seventh day of January next, subject as hereinafter mentioned.

7. If at noon on the day of nomination it should appear that only three candidates are duly nominated for election as directors, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon, at the office aforesaid, declare each candidate elected to the office of director respectively, and in such case it shall not be necessary to provide any voting-papers as hereinafter mentioned.

8. The Government Insurance Commissioner (hereinafter termed "the Commissioner") shall, previous to the day appointed for receiving nominations, and again before the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of the day appointed for the said election, furnish to the Presiding Officer a list or office-register showing the names, residences, and occupations of the policy-holders who are entitled to vote at the said election, and the number of each policy held by every such policy-holder qualifying him to vote (and who is hereinafter referred to as a voter); and such list or register, when verified by the said Commissioner to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer, shall be deemed to be the complete roll of voters, and shall be used in and for the purposes of the said election.

9. Voting for candidates shall be by means of voting-papers, signed and completed by each voter in the manner and form hereinafter prescribed. If the voter hold more than one policy qualifying him to vote, it shall be sufficient to state the number of one such policy, after his signature, on the voting-paper.

10. The Commissioner shall, as soon as possible after the day of nomination aforesaid, provide printed voting-papers for the use of voters.

Such voting-papers shall be in the form set forth in the Third Schedule hereto, and shall contain the names of all candidates who have been duly nominated, arranged in the alphabetical order of their surnames; and adding their several Christian names, residences, and occupations.

11. The Commissioner shall transmit a sufficient number of such voting-papers to District Agents and Resident Agents of the Government Insurance Department throughout the colony, and to all Postmasters who are acting as Agents of such department, to be by them furnished to all voters who may apply for them. Voting-papers shall also be obtainable by voters on application at the Government Insurance Office, at Wellington.

12. The voter shall erase the names of the candidates for whom he does not desire to vote, and shall sign the voting-paper and add the number of his policy after such signature, in the presence of at least one witness (who shall sign his name and address), and send such paper by post, addressed to the Presiding Officer, Government Insurance Office, Wellington.

The voter must leave not more than three names un erased on the voting-paper, and the vote or votes shall be deemed to be given for the name or names left on the paper un erased. If more than three names are left on the voting-paper un erased it will be treated as informal.

13. If it should appear that a policy-holder, either in nominating a candidate, or giving his vote under these regulations, cannot state the number of his policy with certainty, or if in any other respect any nomination-paper or voting-paper does not fully comply with these regulations, or the form prescribed, the Presiding Officer shall not reject such nomination-paper or voting-paper if by any other means he is reasonably satisfied that the person nominating or voting is a policy-holder entitled to vote at the election.

14. Subject as aforesaid, no voting-paper shall be of any effect if it be not completed in accordance with these regulations, and no voting-paper shall be tendered to or received by the Presiding Officer after ten o'clock in the forenoon of the day appointed for the said election. No voting by proxy shall be allowed in any case.

15. At ten o'clock in the forenoon on the day of election the Presiding Officer shall, at the Government Insurance Office aforesaid, in presence of his Assistants, proceed to open and examine the voting-papers and to record the total number of votes respectively given for each candidate; and if it shall be found impossible to complete such examination on that day, then the same shall be continued on the next following day or days till finally completed.

16. After all the voting-papers duly received have been examined, the Presiding Officer, with the aid of his Assistants, shall ascertain from such papers the total number of votes for each candidate, rejecting all informal or incomplete papers, and shall thereupon declare the candidates who have received the greatest number of votes to be elected, and shall as soon as conveniently may be thereafter forward to the Colonial Treasurer a certificate in writing, stating the names of those candidates who have been elected; and the Colonial Treasurer shall forthwith cause notice of such election to be gazetted. Every such certificate and notice shall be final and conclusive on all persons concerned.

17. If it should happen that the total number of votes recorded for two or more candidates shall be equal, the Presiding Officer shall, in writing, notify the fact to the Governor, who may thereupon exercise the powers conferred on him by the ninth section of the said Act with respect to directors not elected.

18. The whole of the voting-papers received shall be securely kept by the Presiding Officer during the election, and, after such certificate as aforesaid has been given, shall be put into packets; any papers rejected as informal being put into a separate packet; and each such packet shall be sealed up securely and transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer, who may, within one calendar month after the issue of such certificate as aforesaid, cause the same to be entirely destroyed.

19. Neither the Presiding Officer nor either of his Assistants, nor any clerk or person employed by him or them, shall (except in discharge of his official duty) disclose for whom any person has voted or tendered his vote under these regulations either before or after the election is completed, or retain possession of or exhibit any voting-paper used at the election, or give any information to any person as to the existence or terms of any policy of life insurance mentioned or referred to in any way for the purposes of any election under these regulations. And if any person shall commit a breach of this regulation he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, to be recovered in the mode prescribed by the said Act. But nothing herein contained shall be deemed to forbid the disclosure of any fact, or the doing of any act hereby prohibited, if the same be required in obedience to the process of any Court of law.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS UNDER "THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ACT, 1884."

NOTICE is hereby given that the election of three directors to serve as members of the Board constituted under "The New Zealand Government Insurance Association Act, 1884," will be held at Wellington, on Wednesday, the seventh day of January, 1885.

All nominations of candidates must be in the following form: [*Here set out form prescribed by the regulations*]. Such nominations must be sent by post, addressed to the Presiding Officer, or delivered, so addressed, at the Government Insurance Office, Wellington, so as to reach him before noon of the twentieth day of December, 1884. Voting-papers can be obtained, by policy-holders entitled to vote at the election, from the office of the Government Insurance Department, at Wellington, or from any District Agent or Resident Agent of such department, or at any post office agency of the said department.

Attention is called to the extracts from the Act at foot of this notice.

Dated this day of , 1884.

Presiding Officer.

N.B.—Any person, whether a policy-holder or not, shall be eligible for the office of director.—Section 16 of Act.

Every holder of a policy, if of full age, and insured under such policy for not less than one hundred pounds, and which has been in existence for six months, shall be qualified to vote at any election of a director, and shall have at each such election as many votes as there are candidates to be then elected, but shall not give more than one vote for any of such candidates.—Section 7 of Act.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

FORM OF NOMINATION-PAPER.

To the Presiding Officer for election of directors of the New Zealand Government Life Insurance Association, Wellington.

We, the undersigned, being each of full age and qualified to vote at elections of directors under "The New Zealand Government Life Insurance Association Act, 1884," do hereby nominate* , of , as a candidate for the office of a director of the Government Life Insurance Association.

Dated this day of , 1884.

Holder of Policy No.

Holder of Policy No.

I hereby consent to this nomination.

Candidate.

* Name in full, and residence and occupation of candidate.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

FORM OF VOTING-PAPER.

Election to take place on the Seventh Day of January, 1885
NAMES of candidates for election to the office of director under "The New Zealand Government Life Insurance Association Act, 1884:"—

[*Here insert names of persons nominated in alphabetical order.*]

Name of voter in full:

Address:

Occupation:

Number of policy: *

Witness:

Signature:

Residence:

Occupation:

N.B.—The voter must draw a line through the name of each candidate for whom he does not desire to vote.

Not more than three names are to be left un erased, or this paper will be invalid. He must fold the paper so as to show the address, and post the same to the Presiding Officer, Government Insurance Office, Wellington, so that it shall reach him before 10 a.m. of the day of election.

Every holder of a policy, if of full age, and insured under such policy for not less than one hundred pounds, and which has been in existence for six months, shall be qualified to vote at any election of a director, and shall have at each such election as many votes as there are candidates to be then elected, but shall not give more than one vote for any of such candidates.—Section 7 of Act.

No proxy shall be allowed at any election.—Section 8 of Act.

* The number of any policy qualifying to vote is sufficient.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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