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*Fixing the Maximum Price of Milk.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this twelfth day of March, 1917.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

**W**HEREAS by Order in Council made under section two of the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, dated the eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and published in the *Gazette* of the same date, His Excellency the Governor did fix and determine the maximum price of milk within the district defined by the said Order in Council: And whereas it is desirable to revoke the said Order in Council and to make other provision in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the authority conferred on him by section two of the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby revoke the hereinbefore-recited Order in Council of the eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in lieu thereof doth hereby fix and determine the maximum price of milk in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

1. THE maximum wholesale price of milk sold for retail distribution within the district to which this Order in Council relates shall be one shilling and one halfpenny per gallon when sold and delivered on the usual trade terms as established on the 18th day of January, 1917.
2. In the case of milk sold for retail distribution within the district to which this Order in Council relates, otherwise than on the usual trade

terms aforesaid, the maximum wholesale price thereof shall be a price equivalent as regards the seller to the maximum price above mentioned.

3. The district to which this Order in Council relates shall consist of the boroughs of Wellington, Miramar, Karori, Onslow, Lower Hutt, Petone, and Eastbourne, the town districts of Johnsonville and Upper Hutt, and the counties of Hutt and Makara.

F. W. FURBY,

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Prohibiting the Export of Hides and Calf-skins to any Destination.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this twelfth day of March, 1917.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

**W**HEREAS by Order in Council of the tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, issued under the authority of section forty-seven of the Customs Act, 1913, as extended by section twenty-four of the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, the export of hides of forty-five pounds weight or more is prohibited to any destination except with the consent of the Minister of Customs, and the export of hides less than forty-five pounds in weight and of calf-skins is prohibited to any destination other than the United Kingdom or the Commonwealth of Australia, except with the consent of the Minister of Customs:

And whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, it is necessary in the public interest that the export of hides and of calf-skins should be absolutely prohibited:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by section forty-seven of the Customs Act, 1913, and section twenty-four of the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby amend the hereinbefore-recited Order in Council of the tenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen:—

(a.) By omitting from the Second Schedule thereto the reference to hides of forty-five pounds weight or more; and

(b.) By revoking the Fourth Schedule thereto.

And, with the like advice and consent, and in further pursuance of the authority conferred by the said sections, doth hereby prohibit the export of hides and calf-skins to any destination; except that in the case of hides submitted for sale to the Government and rejected by the Government valuer as not being of good marketable quality or in good marketable condition, the Minister of Customs may grant a permit to export such hides to British possessions only. Such permit will only be granted subject to the rejected hides remaining, up to the time of shipment, under the supervision of Government officers, or such other person or persons as may be appointed by the Government for the purpose.

F. W. FURBY,

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Purchase of Hides by the Government.*

**W**HEREAS for the purposes of the present war it is necessary that His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom should acquire supplies of hides from New Zealand: And whereas by Order in Council of the 12th day of March, 1917, issued under the authority of section 47 of the Customs Act, 1913, and section 24 of the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, the export of hides and calf-skins is prohibited: And whereas arrangements have been made whereby the Government of New Zealand will acquire on behalf of His Majesty's said Government the supplies of hides required as aforesaid:

Now, therefore, it is hereby notified as follows for the information of the public and of all persons concerned:—

1. The New Zealand Government (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") is prepared to purchase for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom all hides, including calf-skins, suitable for the requirements of that Government and not required for use within New Zealand, on the terms and conditions and in accordance with the scheme hereinafter set forth.

2. The persons named in the First Schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as "Government brokers," will act as the agents both of the Government and of the sellers in the purchase of hides by the Government in accordance with the following provisions.

3. For the purposes of this scheme the licensee of a meat-export slaughterhouse, or the manager of the store in which hides from the public abattoirs named in clause 4 are stored, shall in the matter of receiving, trimming, salting, classifying for valuation, storing, invoicing, bagging, branding, and delivering f.o.b. ocean steamer, accept the same responsibilities as are required of a Government broker.

4. Hides for sale to the Government must be delivered to a Government broker at the Broker's receiving-depot established at any place specified in the First Schedule hereto, except that, in the case of hides stored at a meat-export slaughterhouse or at the public abattoirs of Christchurch, Dunedin, and Invercargill, and derived from cattle slaughtered at any such slaughterhouse or abattoir, the store in which they are contained will be held to be a receiving-depot for the purposes of this scheme.

5. Hides should be treated in accordance with the best freezing-works standard, and must be properly trimmed, and as free as possible from salt and fat, and must have been at least fourteen days in salt when submitted for purchase. The tare allowance will 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 as under:—

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.

6. Hides so delivered will require to be classified in accordance with the Third Schedule for examination by a valuer appointed and paid by the Government and hereinafter called "the Government valuer."

7. Such hides, after examination and classification, shall be valued by the Government valuer, in accordance with the scale of values set out in the Second Schedule.

8. Any hides so delivered may be rejected by the Government valuer as not being of good marketable quality or in good marketable condition.

9. On any hides being valued and approved by the Government valuer, the Government broker, if duly authorized in that behalf by the seller, will purchase the same on behalf of the Government at the price at which they have been so valued. Such purchase will be effected by posting or delivering to the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies, at Wellington, an invoice for the hides, together with the Government valuer's certificate of classification and valuation on a form to be provided. All purchases so made will be subject to the condition that the seller will place the hides f.o.b. ocean steamer. If documents are in order the New Zealand Government, on behalf of the Imperial Government, will pay the amount of the purchase-money within fourteen days after the date on which the contract of purchase has been effected as aforesaid, and will also pay any storage after the expiration of twenty-eight days after the said date, the charges for storage to be at the rate of twopence per sack per week.

10. The property in all hides so purchased shall pass to the Crown so soon as the contract of purchase has been so effected, and the Government broker or the licensee of the meat-export slaughterhouse, or the manager of the store, as the case may be, will thereafter hold them on behalf of the Government. All charges, except storage as aforesaid and insurance from the date on which the contract of purchase has been effected, shall be paid by the seller.

11. Payment for all hides so purchased will be made by the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies in accordance with the scale of values shown in the Second Schedule hereto.

12. The Government broker to whom any hides are so delivered for sale to the Government will act as the agent and on behalf of the seller in doing or causing to be done all things required in respect of the receipt, trimming, salting, and preparation for classification and valuation of such hides and the storage thereof until the sale to the Government has been effected, and thereafter deliver such hides, bagged and branded as required, f.o.b. ocean steamer at one of the following ports: Bluff, Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Timaru, Oamaru, Lyttelton, Wellington, Napier, Gisborne, Auckland, Waitara, Wanganui, Picton, Nelson, Tokomaru Bay, Whangarei.

13. For the purposes of this scheme the Government will, so far as may be thought necessary, grant licenses to fit and proper persons to purchase hides for resale to the Government under this scheme. Such licenses will be granted on application to the Minister of Agriculture, and on such terms and conditions and on the payment of such fees as he thinks fit to impose, and may be cancelled by that Minister if he is satisfied that any breach of such conditions has been committed by the licensee.

14. No hides will be purchased by the Government from any person who has himself purchased the same, unless he was already the owner thereof at the date of this notification, or unless he was at the time of purchase a dealer duly licensed as such by the Government.

15. Tanners carrying on business in New Zealand may, on application to the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies, be granted a permit to purchase from brokers, licensees of meat-export slaughterhouses, or managers of hide-stores attached to the public abattoirs named in clause 4, hides which are under offer of sale to the Government, provided satisfactory proof is furnished to the Controller of the Department of Imperial Supplies that such hides are necessary for the legitimate purposes of their business. The price to be paid for the hides shall be based on the values determined by the Government valuer in accordance with the scale of values shown in the Second Schedule. Every tanner so applying must furnish with his application a statement showing the number of hides of each quality, according to the Third Schedule, which he has stored on his premises or elsewhere, or which he has agreed to purchase at the date of his application. He shall further furnish a similar return on the first day of each month thereafter to the Controller of the Imperial Government Supplies Department.

16. In all of the matters herein set forth the Minister of Agriculture will act on behalf of the Government either by himself or by such person or persons as he may nominate in that behalf.

17. If such supplies of hides as the Government deems adequate for the necessities of His Majesty's Government are at any time not obtained by way of contract of purchase and sale in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the necessary supplies will thereupon be obtained by way of seizure or requisition in the exercise of His Majesty's prerogative, or in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, or the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1915 (No. 2), as the case may require.

### FIRST SCHEDULE.

#### GOVERNMENT BROKERS.

Abraham and Williams (Limited).	L. A. Nolan and Co.
A. Buckland and Sons.	Levin and Co. (Limited).
A. Moritzson and Co.	Murray, Roberts, and Co. (Limited).
Bennett and Sherratt.	National Mortgage and Agency Company (Limited).
Bisley Bros. and Co.	Newton King.
Buxton and Co. (Limited).	New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).	New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Distributing Company (Limited).
Common, Shelton, and Co. (Limited).	New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company (Limited).
Dalgety and Co. (Limited).	North Auckland Farmers' Co-operative (Limited).
Darling and McDowell.	North Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
De Pelichet, McLeod, and Co. (Limited).	Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Donald Reid and Co. (Limited).	Pyne and Co.
Freeman R. Jackson and Co.	Southland Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Friedlander Bros. (Limited).	Stronach, Morris, and Co. (Limited).
Guinness and Le Cren.	Todd Bros. and Co. (Limited).
G. W. Binney and Sons.	United Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).	Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association (Limited).
Henderson and Co. (Limited).	Waters, Ritchie, and Co.
H. Matson and Co.	W. E. Clouston and Co. (Limited).
Hugh Roberts.	Williams and Kettle (Limited).
J. E. Watson and Co. (Limited).	Wright, Stephenson, and Co. (Limited).
J. G. Ward and Co. (Limited).	
J. J. Corry and Co.	
Johnston and Co. (Limited).	
H. A. Lloyd.	
J. A. Miller.	
J. R. Mills and Son.	

Together with such other persons as the Government may from time to time appoint.

#### RECEIVING DEPOTS.

Receiving depots will be established at the following places:—

Auckland, New Plymouth, Stratford, Wanganui, Feilding, Palmerston North, Gisborne, Napier, Dannevirke, Masterton, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, Gore, Invercargill.

### SECOND SCHEDULE.

#### SCALE OF VALUES.

	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 standards .. .. .	1 0
Others, first quality .. .. .	0 11
Cow-hides, second quality .. .. .	0 10½
Bull-hides, good quality .. .. .	0 9

All other grades and qualities, including cut and slippy hides, to be fixed at relative valuations.

### THIRD SCHEDULE.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF WEIGHT OF HIDES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE QUALITIES.

<i>Ox-hides.</i>	<i>Cow-hides.</i>
1. 33 lb. to 44 lb.	6. 33 lb. to 39 lb.
2. 45 lb. to 52 lb.	7. 40 lb. to 48 lb.
3. 53 lb. to 59 lb.	8. 49 lb. and over.
4. 60 lb. to 69 lb.	
5. 70 lb. and over.	
<i>Yearlings.</i>	<i>Calves.</i>
9. 17 lb. to 24 lb.	11. 5 lb. and under.
10. 25 lb. to 32 lb.	12. 6 lb. to 10 lb.
	13. 11 lb. to 16 lb.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1917.

W. D. S. MACDONALD,  
Minister of Agriculture.