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Requisition of New Zealand Wool.

[L.S.] LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by reason of the exigencies of the present war it is necessary that further supplies of wool should be obtained by His Majesty for the clothing and equipment of His Majesty's Forces and for other purposes of the war: And whereas by Order in Council of the eighteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the export of wool from New Zealand to any destination is prohibited, save with the consent of the Minister of Customs: And whereas by an Order in Council made on the tenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, under the War Regulations Act, 1914, the sale of New Zealand wool otherwise than to His Majesty has been prohibited: And whereas by a Proclamation made on the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, all New Zealand wool of the then present season's clip was requisitioned for the use of His Majesty on the terms and conditions set out in that Proclamation: And whereas His Majesty's necessities in respect of the war require that all New Zealand wool of the now next ensuing season's clip be also requisitioned on similar terms and conditions: And whereas by a Proclamation made on the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, all New Zealand wool for the now next ensuing season's clip was requisitioned by and on behalf of His Majesty for the necessary purposes of the war: And whereas it is deemed expedient to revoke the said Proclamation made on the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and to make the following Proclamation in the place thereof:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the prerogative right possessed by His Majesty in that behalf in time of war, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, do hereby proclaim that all wool of the next ensuing season's clip in New Zealand is hereby requisitioned by and on behalf of His Majesty for the necessary purposes of the war in the manner and subject to the terms

and conditions set out in the Schedule hereto; and do hereby further proclaim that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the requisition of the wool of last season's clip in accordance with the aforesaid Proclamation of the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, which requisition shall proceed and be completed in pursuance of that Proclamation accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.

1. THE persons, firms, and companies mentioned in Appendix I hereto, together with such other persons, firms, or companies as the Government may from time to time appoint, hereinafter referred to as Government wool-brokers, will act as the agents of the Government of New Zealand in respect of the aforesaid requisition of wool.

2. All owners of wool shall, as soon as practicable, deliver their wool at the wool-store of a Government wool-broker at one of the following ports—namely, Auckland, Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru Bay, Gisborne, Napier, Waitara, Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin, and Invercargill.

3. Each bale of the wool shall bear on one end and on one flat side only the squatter's or country brand, the letters and figures of such brand being not less than 3 inches in height. If the branding has not been properly effected by the owner it shall be carried out by the broker, who shall be at liberty to charge the owner a reasonable sum for the services so rendered.

4. All wool so delivered shall be examined, classified, and valued before shipment by two expert valuers, one of whom will be appointed by the Government, and the other of whom will be employed by the Government wool-broker in whose possession the wool is held.

5. If the two valuers are unable to agree as to the classification and valuation of any wool, it will be examined, classified, and valued by a supervising valuer to be appointed by the Government.

6. If the owner of the wool is dissatisfied with the value assigned by the supervising valuer he may, at any time within forty-eight hours after the date of valuation, give to the Government a written notice of appeal from that valuation, and such appeal shall, on payment by the appellant of such fee as the Government shall fix, be determined by an umpire appointed by the Government; provided that in cases where reasonable cause for the delay is shown an appeal may be lodged at any time up to seventy-two hours after valuation. The decision of such umpire shall be final. The broker shall be at liberty to charge the owner of the wool a reasonable sum, not exceeding 2s. per bale, for the services rendered in submitting wool to an umpire for adjudication in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

7. All such wool shall be classified and valued in accordance with the scale set forth in Appendix II hereto, which shall be taken as representing the average prices of the various classes of wool as sold by auction in New Zealand in the month of January, 1914.

8. The Government will pay for all wool so valued a sum equal to the value so placed upon it, with the addition of 55 per cent. thereof.

9. Such payment will be made, free from exchange, on the fourteenth day after the date of valuation, to the wool-broker in whose possession the wool is held, and such wool-broker shall receive and account for the same as the agent and on behalf of the wool-owner.

10. On the receipt of such payment by the wool-broker he shall take possession on behalf of the Government of the wool so paid for, and such wool will thereupon become the property of His Majesty. Prior to such payment the wool shall remain the property of and at the risk of the wool-owner, but shall be kept insured against fire in its full insurable value by the wool-broker on behalf of the wool-owner at all times while in the possession of the wool-broker until payment as aforesaid.

11. The wool-broker shall provide storage free of charge for the wool for a period of twenty-eight days after the date of valuation. After the expiration of that period the Government will pay storage at a rate to be arranged between the Government and the wool-broker.

12. Any wool may before payment therefor be rejected by the valuers, or, in case of their disagreement, by the supervising valuer, as being unmerchantable or not of the nature or quality required by the Government. Wool so rejected will

not be taken by the Government. The broker shall be at liberty to charge the owner a reasonable sum for services rendered in respect of any wool so rejected, and also in respect of all wool which for any other reason does not become the property of His Majesty pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Proclamation.

13. In the case of all bales or packages of wool delivered in a wool-broker's store otherwise than in good condition for shipment, and in the case of bales or packages of mixed description requiring repacking, the broker shall be at liberty to charge the owner a sum not exceeding one farthing per pound for the additional work so involved, in addition to the cost of new packs, if supplied.

14. No Government wool-broker shall, in respect of any services rendered or charges incurred in pursuance of his employment by the Government as aforesaid, charge the owner of any wool with any brokerage commission or other remuneration or reimbursement, save so far as hereinbefore expressly authorized in respect of repacking, or of correcting faulty branding, or in respect of wool which becomes the subject of an appeal, or in respect of wool that has been rejected by valuers or the supervising valuer, or in respect of wool that does not become the property of His Majesty pursuant to this Proclamation, the intention being that the amount payable by the Government in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall constitute the net return to the owner for the wool as delivered into the broker's store.

15. In all of the matters herein set forth the Controller of the Department of Imperial Government Supplies will act on behalf of the Government.

16. Slipe wool produced at freezing-works and any other quality of wool notified from time to time by the Government to the wool-brokers will not be subject to requisition under the provisions herein contained.

17. The delivery of wool by the owner to a Government wool-broker at his wool-store at any of the ports aforesaid shall constitute a contract between the owner and the Crown for the sale and purchase of the wool on the terms herein set forth, subject, however, to the right of rejection hereinbefore provided.

18. If any owner of wool fails or refuses to deliver such wool to a wool-broker in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the wool will be subject to seizure in the exercise of His Majesty's prerogative in time of war, and will be disposed of in such manner as the necessities of His Majesty in respect of the present war may require.

APPENDIX I.

WOOL-BROKERS.

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

APPENDIX II.

SCALE OF QUALITIES AND VALUES REPRESENTING THE AVERAGE RETURNS FOR NEW ZEALAND WOOL SOLD DURING THE SEASON 1913-1914.

Description of Wool.	Range of Values per Pound according to Quality.		Description of Wool.	Range of Values per Pound according to Quality.	
	d.	d.		d.	d.
Superior merino combings	From 12	to 14½	Superior crossbred ..	From 10½	to 12
Medium to good merino	„ 9¾	„ 11½	Medium to good crossbred	„ 9	„ 11
Inferior merino ..	„ 8½	„ 9½	Inferior crossbred ..	„ 7½	„ 9
Superior half-bred ..	„ 12	„ 14	Lincoln and Leicester ..	„ 8½	„ 10½
Medium to good half-bred	„ 9¾	„ 12	Lambs, good ..	„ 11	„ 13
Inferior half-bred ..	„ 9	„ 10	Lambs, medium ..	„ 9	„ 10½

NOTE.—All inferior classes of wool such as inferior lambs' wool, black wool, dead wool, pieces, bellies, locks, crutchings, seedy or other faulty wool, shall be valued at prices proportionate to those shown above.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE KING!