

NEW ZEALAND FOREST LEGISLATION.

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(The author has brought up to date his synopsis of legislation affecting New Zealand forests, published in Vol. IV, No. 3, of this Journal.—ED.)

Finance Act, 1938.

Section 5 authorises additional loan moneys for the purposes of the Forests Act, 1921-22.

Land Laws Amendment Act, 1939.

Section 7.

- (1) Abolishes the reservation of any land as national-endowment land and declares such land to be ordinary Crown land.
- (2) Provides that existing rights, i.e., leases and licenses, etc., are not affected.
- (3) Provides that Section 39 of the Forest Act, 1921-22, and Section 3 of the Forests Amendment Act, 1926, shall continue in full force and effect.

In consequence of this enactment Section 18 of the Forests Act, 1921-22, is amended by omitting the words "of national-endowment land or". It will be noted that national-endowment land set apart as State Forest prior to the passing of this Act, viz. 6th October, 1939, is not affected, but after that date no additions of such land to State Forests can be made as such land is now ordinary Crown land.

Statutes Amendment Act, 1939.

Sections 24 to 29 inclusive amend the Forests Act, 1921-22, as follows:—

Section 25—Substitutes the following definition of "Forest produce" for that in Section 2 of the principal Act:—

"Forest produce" includes trees and other plants, also the products of trees and other plants, and also includes earth, rock, sand, shingle, and minerals when found in or removed from any land set apart as a State forest or any other land for the time being administered by the Minister."

Section 26—Substitutes the following paragraph for paragraph (c) of Section 6 of the principal Act:—

(c) The planting and maintenance of State forests, and the culture, harvesting, transport, sale, or other distribution of forest produce.

Section 27—Provides that the powers conferred by the principal Act to deal with forest produce are subject to the provisions of the Coal-Mines Act, 1925, the Mining Act, 1926, the Petroleum Act, 1937, and the Iron and Steel Industry Act, 1937.

Section 28—Substitutes the following paragraph for paragraph (d) of Section 38 of the principal Act :—

“(d) For the culture, growth, protection, maintenance, and sale or other disposal of any forest produce and for purposes incidental thereto.”

Timber Emergency Regulations, 1939 (Serial No. 1939/148).

To be read together with and deemed part of the Supply Control Emergency Regulations, 1939.

These Regulations provide, inter alia, for (a) the appointment of a Timber Controller ; (b) the control of forests : the precedent consent of the Timber Controller is necessary in any sale, purchase, transfer or other disposition of any forest ; (c) the regulation and control of timber works by the Timber Controller ; (d) control of timber materials.

It is provided that the Timber Controller may exercise the powers under (c) and (d) by **notice** to any proprietor. (A notice dated the 4th September, 1939, appointing A. R. Entrican, Esq., (Director of Forestry) as Timber Controller was published in Gazette 1939, page 2408).

The following public notices have been issued under the Emergency Regulations, 1939 :—

- (a) Notice regulating the disposal of Oregon or Douglas fir and redwood. This notice was published in the New Zealand Gazette, No. 32 of the 11th April, 1940, at page 705.
- (b) Notice controlling the manufacture and sale of export cheese, apple and pear crates and cases, and local apple and pear cases. This notice was published in the N.Z. Gazette No. 70 of the 4th July, 1940, at page 1626.
- (c) Notice controlling the export of kauri and insignis pine. This notice was published in the N.Z. Gazette No. 74 of the 18th July, 1940, at page 1724.
- (d) The Charcoal Manufacture and Sale Notice 1940 (Serial number 1940/257). This notice was published in the N.Z. Gazette of the 10th October, 1940 and provides for the licensing of the manufacture of charcoal for sale.
- (e) The Southland and Otago Cheese Crates Order, 1940. This notice was published in the N.Z. Gazette No. 109 of the 31st October, 1940 and provided for the control of the disposition of export cheese crates in Southland and Otago for the season ended 31st July, 1941.

- (f) Notice prohibiting the sale of Westland timber in the Southland and Otago Land Districts. This notice was published in the N.Z. Gazette No. 121 of the 28th November, 1940, at page 3501.
- (g) The Southland and Otago Silver Beech Marketing Notice, 1940 (Serial Number 1940/318). This regulation was notified in the N.Z. Gazette of the 19th December, 1940, and provides for the control of the production and marketing of Southland silver beech timber under a central authority. Amendment No. 1 of this notice (serial number 1941/102) was notified in the N.Z. Gazette of the 3rd July, 1941.

The Forest (Fire Prevention) Regulations, 1940. (Serial Number 1940/240).

These regulations issued pursuant to the Forests Act, 1921-22, consolidate in a modified form, existing regulations, viz., under the State Forests Act 1908 (Gazette 1909, page 1031) and the Spark-Arrester (Forests Act) Regulations 1925 (Gazette 1925, page 2646), which are revoked and make further provisions for the prevention and suppression of fires.

Finance Act, 1940.

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