

SECOND TELEGRAM from CLERK DISTRICT COURT, Invercargill.

A. F. Lowe, Esq., Clerk Privileges Committee, Wellington.

I UNDERSTOOD from Mr. Anderson, accountant to Hon. J. G. Ward, at the time he (Mr. Anderson) handed in petition, that Mr. Ward had previously resigned.

J. R. COLYER, Clerk District Court, Invercargill.

SIR,—

Privileges Committee, House of Representatives, 4th October, 1897.

By direction of the Chairman of the Privileges Committee I have the honour to request you to furnish the Committee with a copy of the writ issued for the election of a member for Awarua in place of the Hon. J. G. Ward, resigned, also a copy of the Hon. the Speaker's warrant for the issue of the same.

I am, &c.,

A. F. LOWE,

Clerk Privileges Committee.

H. Pollen, Esq., Clerk of the Writs.

SIR,—

Clerk of the Writs Office, Wellington, 4th October, 1897.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of this day's date, I enclose herewith a copy of the writ issued for the election of a member of the House of Representatives for the District of Awarua in place of the Hon. J. G. Ward, resigned, and also a copy of the Hon. the Speaker's warrant directing the issue of the said writ.

I have, &c.,

HUGH POLLEN,

Clerk of the Writs.

The Clerk Privileges Committee,
House of Representatives, Wellington.

Under "The Electoral Act, 1893."

WRIT FOR ELECTION.

To the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Awarua.

IN pursuance of "The Electoral Act, 1893," I hereby authorise and require you to proceed, according to law, to the election of one member to serve in the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Awarua.

In the event of the election being contested, the poll shall be taken on the 5th day of August, 1897.

You are further required to indorse on this writ the name of the person so elected, and then to return the writ to me on or before the 11th day of August, 1897.

HUGH POLLEN,

Clerk of the Writs.

Dated at Wellington, this 21st day of July, 1897.

To Hugh Pollen, Esquire, Clerk of the Writs for the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS by the one hundred and thirty-fifth section of "The Electoral Act, 1893," it is, among other things, enacted that whenever during a recess of the House, whether by prorogation or adjournment, it appears to the Speaker that a vacancy exists, he shall cause a notification of the same, and of the cause thereof, to be inserted in the *Gazette*; and that, when such vacancy has arisen from death or resignation, the Speaker shall forthwith issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Writs, directing him to issue a writ to supply the vacancy:

And whereas the seat of the Honourable Joseph George Ward, a member of the House of Representatives for the Electoral District of Awarua, became vacant on the 14th day of July, 1897, by resignation: And whereas a notification by me of the said vacancy, and of the cause thereof, was inserted in the *New Zealand Gazette*, published on the 15th July: And whereas it is now a recess of the House of Representatives by prorogation:

Now, therefore, I, George Maurice O'Rorke, Kt., Speaker of the House of Representatives, in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in and conferred on me by the said Act, do by this warrant direct you, as such Clerk of the Writs as aforesaid, to issue a new writ in accordance with such Act for electing a member of the said House in the room of the said Honourable Joseph George Ward.

Given under my hand, at Auckland, this 16th day of July, 1897.

G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Kt.,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 28th day of September, 1897.

THE Honourable Joseph George Ward, member for Awarua, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the oath required by law, took his seat in the House.—(A true extract.)

H. OTTERSON, Clerk-Assistant,

For Clerk of House of Representatives.

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