

SCHEDULE 3

Department of Industries & Commerce.
G.P.O. Box 3025, Wellington, 2nd April, 1948.

DEAR SIR,—

I am forwarding herewith the Roll of Independent Exhibitors licensed in New Zealand as at the 28th March, 1948.

The definition of an "independent" as approved by the Hon. Minister is as follows:—

"By an Independent Exhibitor" is meant any licensed exhibitor other than J. C. Williamson Picture Corporation Ltd; John Fuller & Sons Ltd; Fuller Theatres Corporation Ltd; N.Z. Theatres Ltd; Christchurch Cinemas Ltd; Amalgamated Theatres Ltd; Kerridge Theatres Ltd; and their respective associated or subsidiary companies under the control of any of them such independent exhibitor to be, in fact, completely free and independent in the management of his business of any control whatsoever by the above-named companies."

The procedure I intend to follow in regard to the election of the two independent members to the Film Industry Board is, briefly, as follows:—

- (1) Your comments in regard to the Independent Roll as forwarded herewith must be received by me by the 30th April, 1948.
- (2) By "comments" I mean any representations you care to make concerning (a) any licensed exhibitor whose name appears on the Roll and who should not, in your opinion, be classified as an "independent" exhibitor or (b) any licensed exhibitor whose name does not appear on the Roll and who should, in your opinion, be classed as an independent exhibitor under the above description.
- (3) In accordance with the Hon. Minister's directions, the objections received must be accompanied by *full supporting* statements of the objections. (NOTE.—A number of objections were considered by Mr. Stilwell last year and it is not proposed to re-submit to him any further objections in respect of cases dealt with last year unless new or material evidence is supplied in support thereof.)
- (4) As soon as all objections have been disposed of, the necessary amendment will be furnished by way of a **supplement to the Roll and nomination papers** forwarded for the purpose of nominating two independent exhibitors as members of the Film Industry Board.
- (5) The nomination papers will have to be returned to me on a date specified and immediately thereafter voting papers will be circulated to all those whose names appear on the Roll as amended by any decision given by Mr. Stilwell.
- (6) Voting papers will also contain provision for exhibitors to vote whether or not the term of office on the Board should be for one or three years.
- (7) The results of the election will be communicated to each exhibitor and in addition, the N.Z. Motion Picture Exhibitor's Association (Inc.) and the Independent Cinemas Association (Inc.) will be advised in order that, if they so desire, they may publish the information in their respective Bulletins.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. MILES., Returning Officer.