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THE COINAGE PROCLAMATION 1939.

[L.S.]

GALWAY, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

PURSUANT to section 8 of the Coinage Act, 1933, and for the purposes of determining first, the dimensions and general designs for the silver coins mentioned in the Schedule to the said Act, secondly, the design for a silver half-crown to be made and issued during the year 1940, and thirdly, the denominations, compositions, weights, dimensions, and designs of bronze coins to be made and issued under the said Act, and the amount of the remedy to be allowed in the making thereof, I, George Vere Arundell, Viscount Galway, Governor-General, do hereby proclaim as follows:—

1. This Proclamation may be cited as the Coinage Proclamation 1939.*

PART I.—SILVER COINS GENERALLY.

2. The designs for the silver coins mentioned in the Schedule to the said Act shall be as follows:—

- (i) *Half-crown*: Subject to the provisions contained in Part II of this Proclamation every half-crown shall have for the obverse impression the uncrowned effigy of His Majesty the King with the inscription “George VI King Emperor” and for the reverse impression the Ensigns armorial of the Dominion on their shield surmounted by the Royal Crown and surrounded by Maori carvings with the inscription “New Zealand Half-crown” within the border and the date of the year below.
- (ii) *Florin*: Every florin shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown and for the reverse impression a representation of a Kiwi, with the inscription “New Zealand” above and “One Florin” and the date of the year below.
- (iii) *Shilling*: Every shilling shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown and for the reverse impression the figure of a Maori warrior in warlike attitude carrying a taiaha, on a plain ground, with the inscription “New Zealand” above and “One Shilling” and the date of the year below.

* Gazette, 22nd December, 1939, Vol. III, page 3585.

- (iv) *Sixpence* : Every sixpence shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown and for the reverse impression a representation of a Huia perched on a branch with the inscription " New Zealand " above and " Sixpence " and the date of the year below.
- (v) *Threepence* : Every threepence shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown and for the reverse impression two crossed Patu with " 3d." between their blades and " New Zealand " above and the date of the year below.

3. The said coins shall be circular. The threepence shall have a plain edge and each of the other coins shall have a graining upon the edge.

4. The diameters of the said coins shall be as follows : Half-crown, 1·272 in. ; florin, 1·126 in. ; shilling, ·931 in. ; sixpence, ·765 in. ; threepence, ·642 in.

PART II.—CENTENNIAL HALF-CROWN.

5. A silver half-crown to be made and issued during the year 1940 shall in lieu of the designs specified in Part I of this Proclamation bear the designs hereinafter specified.

6. The design of the obverse impression shall be the uncrowned effigy of His Majesty the King with the inscription " George VI King Emperor."

7. The design of the reverse impression shall be the figure of a Maori woman imposed upon a background showing the sun overhead with (a) a Maori Wharepuni and Puhara on her right ; (b) modern buildings on her left ; (c) the inscription " New Zealand Centennial Half-crown " within the border ; and (d) below on a scroll the dates " 1840-1940."

8. In all other respects the provisions of Part I hereof shall apply to the said coin.

PART III.—BRONZE COINS.

9. The denominations, composition, and weights and the amount of the remedy to be allowed in the making of bronze New Zealand coins shall be as specified in the Schedule hereto.

10. The designs of the said New Zealand bronze coins shall be as follows :—

- (i) *Penny* : Every penny shall have for the obverse impression the uncrowned effigy of His Majesty the King with the inscription " George VI King Emperor " and for the reverse impression a representation of a Tui perched on a branch of kowhai, with the inscription " New Zealand One Penny " within the border and the date of the year below.
- (ii) *Halfpenny* : Every halfpenny shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the penny and for the reverse the representation of a Heitiki with Maori ornamental scrolls on each side, with the inscription " New Zealand Halfpenny " within the border and the date of the year below.

11. Each of the said bronze coins shall be circular and shall have a plain edge.

12. The dimensions of the said bronze coins shall be, for the penny, a diameter of 30·8 millimetres, and of the halfpenny, a diameter of 25·5 millimetres.

SCHEDULE.
NEW ZEALAND BRONZE COINS.

Denomination of Coin.	Composition.	Standard Weight.		Remedy Allowance for Weight.
		Imperial Weight.	Metric Weight.	
Penny ..	Mixed metal, copper, tin, and zinc	Grains. 145·83333	Grams. 9·44984	Not exceeding the weight of one piece in forty pieces.
Halfpenny	Mixed metal, copper, tin, and zinc	87·50000	5·66990	Not exceeding the weight of one piece in forty pieces.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 22nd day of December, 1939.

W. NASH, Minister of Finance.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.
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These regulations are administered by the Treasury.