Mr. Myers.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD VESTING.

[LOCAL BILL]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT authorizing the Vesting of the Bed of the Waitemata Title. Harbour in the Auckland Harbour Board (hereinafter termed the Board) and to confer other Powers.

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :---

1. This Act may be cited as the Auckland Harbour Board short Title. Vesting Act, 1914.

- 2. Upon the passing of this Act all that area of land described Land described in 10 in the Schedule to this Act shall be vested in the Board for an Schedule vested in estate in fee-simple, and the District Land Registrar of the Auckland Land Registration District shall, and is hereby authorized to, issue a certificate of title therefor to the Board.
- 3. Such certificate of title shall be issued and the rights of the savings. 15 Board under this Act and under such certificate of title shall be subject and without prejudice to all rights of access and egress and riparian rights now vested in any person or corporation in respect of any lands abutting on the said harbour, and neither this Act nor
- 20 the issue of such certificate of title shall prejudice or affect any existing titles to any part of the foreshore within the said harbour or any existing riparian rights of access by water appurtenant to any land fronting on the said harbour, nor any right of access over or along any road laid off by the Crown below high-water mark in the
- 25 said harbour, nor the right of the Crown to the tidal lands at Rangitoto Island, nor affect any tidal lands on the eastern foreshore at the junction of the Borough of Takapuna and the Rangitoto Channel:

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Provided, further, that the said lands shall vest as aforesaid, and the said certificate of title be issued subject to any licenses in respect of portions thereof heretofore granted by the Crown and to the rights hereby conferred on licensees, and such licenses shall not during the respective terms thereof, if and so long as the pro- $\mathbf{5}$ visions thereof respectively shall be duly observed and performed, be revoked or cancelled by the Board without the consent of the respective licensees; and no wharfages, tolls, dues, or charges whatever shall be chargeable by the Board on any goods the property of the licensee landed on or shipped from the land described 10 in any existing license from the Crown during the currency thereof; and upon the expiry or determination of any such license the licensee or his assigns shall be entitled to obtain from the Board, and the Board on application shall grant to him, a lease of the land included in such license for a further term of twenty-one years, at an annual 15 rental of *five* pounds per centum on the then unimproved value of the said land as determined by the Government valuation thereof then in force, and upon the terms of the said license (except the power of cancellation on notice), and with a right of perpetual renewal for successive terms of twenty-one years at rentals de- 20 termined as aforesaid, and on the same terms :

Provided that the grant of any such lease or renewal thereof shall not confer any exemption from the imposition of tolls, dues, and charges by the Board in respect of goods landed on such land.

4. All that area, being the bed of the Panmure Basin, as 25 described in the *Schedule* hereto, shall, as from the date of this Act, be vested in the Panmure Domain Board for an estate in fee-simple, and the District Land Registrar at Auckland shall issue to the said Domain Board a certificate of title therefor:

Provided that such certificate of title shall be issued subject to 30 the riparian rights and rights of access by water of all persons and corporations owning or having any lesser estate in any lands abutting on to the said basin.

5. For the purpose of straightening Hobson Street, in the City of Auckland, it shall be lawful for the Board to accept surrenders 35 of any lease or leases held by the Auckland Electric Tramways Company (Limited), and to grant to the said company a new lease of a portion of the lands held by it, with such other area and for such terms and upon such conditions as may be agreed upon by the company and the Board. 40

6. The powers vested in the Board to make surveys and to obtain information with respect to the advisability of making canals between the Waikato River, the Manukau, and the Waitemata Harbours shall be deemed to have included the power to make similar surveys and inquiries with respect to a canal between the 45 Waitemata and Kaipara Harbours.

Bed of Panmure Basin vested in Panmure Domain Board.

Board may accept surrender of leases and grant new leases.

Canal between Waitemata and Kaipara Harbours.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area of land, being the bed of the Auckland Harbour, within the existing limits of the said harbour, including the tidal lands thereof, excepting therefrom all areas now vested in the Auckland Harbour Board or in any other person or corporation; and excepting thereout all that area known as the Panmure Basin as shown on the plan deposited in the Magistrates' Court at Auckland and at the office of the Minister of Lands at Wellington, under No.

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Schedule.

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