This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

18th November, 1927.

Hon. Mr. Williams.

ASHLEY RIVER IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

3. Division of district into subdivisions. Con-Title. I. Short Title. sequential repeals. 4. Altering constitution of Ashley River Trust. 2. Ashley River Trust District. Consequential

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925. Title. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Ashley River Improvement Short Title. Amendment Act, 1927, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. (1) After the passing of this Act the Ashley River Trust District Ashley River Trust shall consist of the area described in the First Schedule to this Act instead of the area described in the First Schedule to the principal Act, and all references in the principal Act to the First Schedule thereto shall hereafter be read as references to the First Schedule to this Act.

(2) The First Schedule to the principal Act is hereby consequentially Consequential 15 repealed.

3. (1) The Ashlev River Trust District is hereby divided into three Division of district subdivisions, to be known respectively as the Rangiora County Subdivision, the Rangiora Borough Subdivision, and the Kowai-Ashley 20 Subdivision, as the same are respectively described in the Second Schedule to this Act.

(2) This section is in substitution for subsection two of section one consequential of the principal Act, and that subsection and the Second Schedule to repeals. the principal Act are hereby consequentially repealed.

4. (1) Subsection one of section three of the principal Act is Altering hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) thereof, constitution of Ashley River Trust. and substituting the following paragraphs:--

"(a) Three shall be elected by the ratepayers of the Rangiora County Subdivision:

repeal.

into subdivisions.

"(b) Two shall be elected by the ratepayers of the Rangiora Borough Subdivision:

"(c) Two shall be elected by the ratepayers of the Kowai-Ashley

Subdivision."

(2) An election of Commissioners for each of the said subdivisions, as described in the Second Schedule to this Act, shall be held on a day appointed by the Governor-General in that behalf, and for the purpose of such election the Clerk of the Trust shall prepare from the valuation roll of the district in force on the passing of this Act a roll of ratepayers for each such subdivision assigning to each ratepayer the number of votes 10 to which he is entitled under section thirty-one of the River Boards Act, 1908. In any case where a property appearing on that roll lies partly within and partly outside the district as described in the First Schedule hereto, the Clerk may apply to the Valuer-General to be furnished with an assessment of such first-mentioned part of such property to enable 15 him to complete the roll.

(3) The Commissioners so elected shall come into office on the date of their election, and shall hold office until the next general election of Commissioners to be held pursuant to section twenty-seven of the River

Boards Act. 1908.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section the Commissioners in office on the passing of this Act shall remain in office until the coming into office of the Commissioners elected in accordance with this section.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ASHLEY RIVER TRUST DISTRICT.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, bounded by a line commencing at the junction of roads at the northern corner of Section 5246, Block IV, Rangiora Survey District; thence along a public road fronting Rural Sections 14705 and 14398 to its junction with a public road forming the southern boundary of Rural Section 16543; thence south-easterly along the road forming the southern boundary of said Section 16543 and of Rural Sections 23147 and 19659, and along a line being the production of the centre-line of the last-named road, across a lagoon and beach to the sea; thence southerly along the east coast, crossing the mouth of the Ashley River, to the northern boundary of Reserve 4059; thence westerly along a public road fronting or passing through Rural Sections Reserve 4059, Reserves 3731, 13686, 22535, 16458, 15535, 18063, 2574, 774, 704, 1088, 1823, 1259, and 238 to the Cam River, up that river to and along Church Bush Road to the Rangiora-Flaxton Road; thence northerly along that road to a branch of the Cam River, up that branch to the south-western corner of Rural Section 1029; thence northerly along the western boundary of said Section 1029 to Southbrook Road; thence westerly along Southbrook Road to its junction with the Fernside Road; thence north-westerly along Fernside and Mount Thomas Roads to the northernmost corner of Rural Section 12399; thence north-westerly through Rural Section 4228 to a point 15 chains due south of the road intersection at the westernmost corner of Rural Section 7304; thence north-westerly through Rural Section 4228 to a point 12 chains due south of the western corner of Rural Section 6926; thence northwesterly through Rural Section 4228 to a point on the south-eastern boundary of Rural Section 4229 and distant 10 chains along the said boundary from the Mount Thomas road; thence north-westerly through Rural Section 4229 to a point 25 chains due

south of the northern corner of Section 6203; thence in a northerly direction to the western corner of Section 6203; thence along the north-western boundaries of Rural Sections 6203, 15599, 18058, and continuing in a straight line through Reserve 2850; thence across the Ashley River to a point on the east bank of the Okuku River in line with the north-western extremity of Barker's Road; thence in a north-easterly direction to the western extremity of Barker's Road; thence south-easterly along Barker's Road to the intersection of the boundary between Mairaki and Rangiora Survey Districts; thence south-easterly to the extremity of the terrace in Rural Section 34012, thence south-easterly along the said terrace through Rural Sections 32932, 34013, 19738, 22664, and 32687 to the south-western corner of Rural Section 6035; thence south-easterly along the northern boundary of Rural Section 32687 to Fernside Road; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Rural Section 33408, continuing in straight line through Rural Section 27627 to the eastern boundary of Rural Section 27627; thence southerly along the western boundary of Rural Section 27626; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Rural Section 27626; thence easterly in a direct line to the north-western corner of Rural Section 26794; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Rural Section 26794 to the public road; thence northerly along the said public road to the northern corner of Rural Section 25147; thence easterly across the Makerikeri River to the southern terminus of closed road 7812; thence easterly to a point on the western boundary of and 10 chains north of the southwestern corner of Rural Section 3999; thence southerly along the western boundary and easterly along the southern boundary of Rural Section 3999 to Fletcher's Road; thence southerly along Fletcher's Road to the south-western boundary of Rural Section 8996; thence easterly along the southern boundary of the said section across Rossiter's Road in a direct line easterly through Rural Sections 4471, 2866, 2864, and 2863 to the junction of Cone's and Fawcett's Roads; thence easterly along Fawcett's Road to the junction with Boundary Road; thence southerly along Boundary Road to its junction with the Upper Sefton Road; thence north-easterly along the Upper Sefton Road to the north-eastern corner of Rural Section 2689: thence south-easterly along the northeastern boundary of Rural Section 2689 to the southern corner of Rural Section 2726; thence in a north-easterly direction along the public road to the commencing-point.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

SUBDIVISIONS OF ASHLEY RIVER TRUST DISTRICT.

Rangiora County Subdivision.

ALL that area in the district described in the First Schedule to this Act lying within the boundaries of the County of Rangiora as existing at the passing of this Act.

Rangiora Borough Subdivision.

All that area in the district described in the First Schedule to this Act lying within the boundaries of the Borough of Rangiora as existing at the passing of this Act.

Kowai-Ashley Subdivision.

All that area in the district described in the First Schedule to this Act lying within the boundaries of the Counties of Kowai and Ashley as existing at the passing of this Act.

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