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BETTERMENTS.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT in Relation to Betterments.

Title.

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

5     1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Betterments Act, 1890." Short Title.

2. In this Act "betterment" means any public work in accordance with the interpretation of the words "public work" and "work" in "The Public Works Act, 1882," and any amendment Interpretation of terms.

10     3. Within two years after any betterment shall have been undertaken by the Government, or any local authority within the meaning of the Public Works Acts now in force, any land receiving direct benefit therefrom beyond the general benefit to all other land Assessment for betterments may be made, &c.

15     in the city or district wherein the said land is situate shall be assessed towards such betterment for a proportion of the cost not exceeding one-half the direct and exceptional benefit so derived.

20     4. All assessments made under this Act shall constitute a lien upon the land so assessed, and be enforced in the same manner as other rates or taxes: Provided that it shall be optional with the person or persons by whom the assessment shall be payable, instead of the principal sum so assessed, to pay interest on the whole or any part thereof at the rate of six per centum per annum, the said interest Assessments to constitute a lien.

25     to be leviable and paid with the ordinary rates or taxes as they fall due.

5. When the assessment is on leased land the owner of such land shall pay the assessment or interest thereon, and may thereafter collect from the lessee an additional rent not exceeding ten per cent. Leased estate.

on the principal sum of the assessment so levied.

Person liable to assessment may require that it be separately levied on part or parts of the land.

Provisions of Public Works Acts to apply.

6. Any person liable to assessment under this Act may require that the same shall be levied on separate parts of the land subjected to such assessment.

7. In case of dispute as to the amount of assessment or the subdivision of the assessment, as provided in the last section, the provisions of the Public Works Acts now in force with respect to the taking of land for public works and the compensation thereof shall respectively apply.

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