

Mr. Holland.

BRUNNER BOROUGH COUNCIL EMPOWERING
AND ABOLITION.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

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| 2. Providing for the abolition of the Borough of Brunner. |
| 3. Special provisions applicable in event of borough being abolished. |

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Borough of Brunner to be abolished and the Area constituting the said Borough to be merged into the County of Grey. Title.

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 Brunner Borough Council Empowering and Abolition Act, 1925. Short Title.

10 2. (1.) A petition praying that the Borough of Brunner be dissolved and the area constituting the said borough be merged in the County of Grey shall first be presented to the Governor-General. Every such petition shall be signed by not less than one-third of the persons for the time being entitled in respect of a qualification within
15 the said borough to vote at an election of a member of the Brunner Borough Council.

(2.) The Minister of Internal Affairs shall thereupon gazette and publicly notify a notice setting out the proposed abolition and merger, and calling upon all persons and local authorities affected to
20 lodge any objections in writing to or petitions against the proposed abolition and merger within one month from the first publication of such notice.

(3.) After duly considering the original petition and the objections so lodged (if any) the Governor-General may direct a Commission, consisting of a Magistrate, the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Westland District, and a District Valuer under the Valuation of Land Act, 1908, to inquire into and report to him upon the subject-matter of the original petition and the objections lodged as
25 aforesaid (if any), and as to the advisability or otherwise of granting the prayer of the original petition, and to recommend such grant on such terms and conditions as they deem necessary and advisable.

30 (4.) The Governor-General may, if he thinks fit, after receiving and considering the report of the said Commission, direct that a poll

be taken within the Borough of Brunner upon the proposal that the Borough of Brunner be abolished and the area constituting the said borough be merged in the County of Grey.

(5.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make such appointments and arrangements (including the preparation of a voters' roll) as he deems necessary for the purpose of taking such poll. 5

(6.) The voters' roll shall contain the names of all persons possessing qualifications entitling them to be placed on the electors' list of the Borough of Brunner and of no others, and each such person shall have and may exercise one vote and no more: 10

Provided that the omission from such roll of any person entitled to be placed thereon, or the inclusion on such roll of any person not entitled to be placed thereon, shall not invalidate either the roll or the poll.

(7.) If the total number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal is at least three-fifths of the total number of valid votes recorded at the poll, then, and not otherwise, the proposal shall be deemed to be carried, and the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, abolish the Borough of Brunner, dissolve the Council thereof, and merge in the County of Grey the area constituting the Borough of Brunner prior to such abolition and merger on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit. 15 20

(8.) The cost of all proceedings under this section (including the cost of taking the poll) shall be paid by the Brunner Borough Council. 25

3. In the event of such abolition, dissolution, and merger as aforesaid,—

(a.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council gazetted, declare in what riding of the County of Grey the area so merged therein shall be included, or declare that the area so added shall form a new riding, fix the name of such new riding, and the number of Councillors therefor, and make provision for the dissolution of the Corporation of the Brunner Borough Council: 30

(b.) All property, real or personal, belonging to the Brunner Borough Council shall become vested in the Corporation of the County of Grey: 35

(c.) All functions, powers, rights, and duties theretofore vested in or imposed upon the Borough of Brunner shall become vested in and imposed upon the Grey County Council: 40

(d.) All rates and other moneys payable to the Brunner Borough Council shall become due and payable to the Grey County Council:

(e.) All actions, suits, and proceedings pending by or against the Brunner Borough Council (if any) shall be exercised by the Chairman and Clerk of the County of Grey respectively: 45

(f.) All the liabilities, contracts, and engagements of the Brunner Borough Council shall become liabilities, contracts, and engagements of the Grey County Council: 50

(g.) The Grey County Council may, if necessary at any time or from time to time, levy a separate rate within the area so merged for the purpose of providing for any outstanding liabilities of the Brunner Borough Council.

Special provisions applicable in event of Borough being abolished.