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CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACT 1875 AMENDMENT.

(No. 2.)

LOCAL BILL.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875." Title. WHEREAS by "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1886," Preamble. section eight, it is enacted "That the Christchurch Drainage Board 5 as constituted under 'The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875,' and the several Acts amending the same, may, in anticipation of its current revenue, from time to time borrow moneys from the bank by way of overdraft, but the amount of such overdraft shall never at any time exceed the total amount of the income of the Board for the year 10 ending the thirty-first day of December previous, not including any moneys borrowed:" And whereas doubts have arisen whether any sufficient remedy or machinery exists by which a bank may compel payment of any debt due to it for moneys borrowed by such Board under the authority conferred by the said "Special Powers and Con-15 tracts Act, 1886," section eight: And whereas it is desirable to remove such doubts, and to provide a remedy and machinery by which such moneys may be recovered:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 20 as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Christchurch District short Title. Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1887."

2. When and so often as the Christchurch Drainage Board fails on nonpayment of to pay any debt due by it to any bank for moneys borrowed by way overdraft Receiver may be appointed. 25 of overdraft under the authority of "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1886," the bank to which such debt is due or owing may apply ex parte, by petition in a summary way, to a Judge of the Supreme Court for relief under this Act, and the Judge may, if No. 51—1.

satisfied of the truth of the matters alleged in such petition, appoint, upon such terms as to security and remuneration as he shall think fit, a Receiver; and in every such case—

Powers of Receiver.

(1.) The Receiver shall have and may exercise all the powers of the said Christchurch Drainage Board in respect of or incidental to the making, levying, and recovery of rates, including general, separate, or special rates; and including also the power of recovering rates in arrear, and of making, levying, and recovering rates which ought to have been made and levied and were not so levied.

Rates to vest in and be recovered by Receiver. (2.) Upon the appointment of such Receiver all unpaid rates and all rates levied by him shall, when levied, vest in the Receiver, and shall cease to be vested or to vest in the said Board; and all powers for the recovery of any such rate shall, upon the appointment of the Receiver, cease 15 to be exercised by the Board and shall be exercised by the Receiver.

Application of moneys.

- (3.) All moneys received by the Receiver shall be applied as follows:—
 - (a.) In payment of the costs, charges, and expenses 20 of, and incidental to and consequent upon, the application for the appointment of a Receiver:

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(b.) In payment of the Receiver's remuneration and

his reasonable and necessary expenses:

- (c.) In payment of the debt due by the Board to the 25 petitioning bank at the date of the appointment of the Receiver.
- (d.) The residue, after payment of the above, to the said Board.

And the Receiver shall account for all such moneys 30 as the Judge directs.

Receiver may appoint solicitor.

Powers of Receiver not affected by nonelection of Board.

- (4.) The Receiver may, with the sanction of the Judge, appoint a solicitor to assist him in the performance of his duties.
- 3. The failure, from any cause whatever, at any time to elect a member or members of the Board shall not effect the powers of the 35 Receiver, or invalidate any rate made or levied by him. Any rate made or levied by the Receiver shall be valid notwithstanding that at the time of the making or levying of any rate there were no members of the Board elected and holding office.

Provisions of "Rating Act, 1882," applied to Receiver.

4. All the provisions contained in "The Rating Act, 1882," and 40 any Act amending the same, relating to the making and delivering of valuation-rolls, rates, and rate-books, and all other provisions of the said Act or of any other Act providing for the making and collection and recovery of rates by the said Board, shall apply and extend to the Receiver.

Valuation-rolls.

5. Whenever a Receiver shall be appointed at any time intervening after the making-up of any valuation-roll under "The Rating Act, 1882," or any Act amending the same, and before the making-up of another, the Commissioner shall supply to the Receiver, as soon as possible, valuation-rolls as described in the said Act for the district, which shall remain in force till the making-up of the next valuation-roll.

6. When the debt due to the petitioning bank shall be paid, or When powers of at any time by an order of a Judge of the Supreme Court on the Receiver to cease application of the said Board, if such Judge shall think fit to make such order, the powers of the Receiver shall cease, and he shall 5 forthwith pay any moneys in his hands to the Board, which shall again be capable of exercising the powers of which the appointment of the Receiver had deprived it.

Receiver to cease.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall limit or in any way affect Certain provisions of the provisions contained in sections numbered seventy-five to eighty-affected. 10 five inclusive of "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875," or the rights of the holder or holders of any debentures issued under that Act or "The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act, 1876."

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