

Hon. Mr. McLeod.

CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL BUILDINGS VESTING.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to constitute a Special Board and to vest the Canterbury Provincial Buildings therein. Title.

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 Canterbury Provincial Buildings Vesting Act, 1928. Short Title.

2. (1) For the purposes of this Act there is hereby established a special Board, to be known as the Canterbury Provincial Buildings Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). Establishment and incorporation of Board for purposes of this Act.

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall be capable of holding real and personal property and of doing and suffering all that bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

3. The Board shall consist of—

(a) The Minister of Lands for the time being, who shall be the Chairman of the Board: Constitution of Board.

(b) Every member for the time being of the House of Representatives representing any electoral district situated wholly or in part within the Provincial District of Canterbury or the Provincial District of Westland.

4. (1) The first meeting of the Board shall be held at a time and place to be fixed by the Chairman. Meetings of the Board.

(2) Subsequent meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as the Board or the Chairman may from time to time appoint:

Provided that the Board shall meet in the City of Wellington at least once during each session of Parliament.

(3) At every meeting of the Board *four* members shall form a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

(4) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he is present, and shall have a deliberative vote, and, in the case of an equality of votes, shall also have a casting vote. 5

(5) In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Board the members present shall appoint one of their number to act as the Chairman at that meeting, and the member so appointed shall, whilst so acting, have all the powers of the Chairman. 10

Board may appoint committee.

5. (1) The Board may appoint a committee of not more than five or less than three of its members, and may from time to time, as it thinks fit, delegate to such committee all or any of the powers hereinafter conferred on the Board.

(2) The appointment of a committee or of any member thereof, or the delegation by the Board of any of its powers as hereinbefore provided, may be at any time revoked. 15

Board may appoint officers.

6. (1) The Board may, from time to time, as required, appoint a person to be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, and may also appoint such other officers or servants as it thinks fit. 20

(2) All persons so appointed shall be paid out of the funds of the Board such salaries or other remuneration as the Board from time to time determines.

Vesting the site of the Canterbury Provincial Council chamber in the Board.

7. (1) The land described in the *First* Schedule hereto (being the site of the Canterbury Provincial Council chamber) is hereby vested in the Board for an estate in fee-simple, in trust to maintain the same and the Provincial Council building thereon, as a memorial of the foundation of the Province of Canterbury. 25

(2) The Board may from time to time determine for what suitable purposes, not inconsistent with the aforesaid trust, the Provincial Council building hereinbefore referred to may be used, and may from time to time let the said building for any such purposes and make such charges therefor as it thinks fit. 30

(3) The Board shall not have authority to erect or permit the erection of any new building on the said land or to make any structural alterations of the existing building: 35

Provided that this provision shall not operate to exempt the Board from its duty of keeping the said building in a proper state of repair.

(4) The Crown shall have no rights of occupation or possession in relation to the land vested in the Board by this section, or of the building thereon. 40

Vesting certain other land in the Board, subject to conditions as to occupation by Crown.

8. (1) The land described in the *Second* Schedule hereto is hereby vested in the Board for an estate in fee-simple, to be held in trust for the same purposes as the land and building referred to in the *last preceding* section, but subject to the special provisions of this section. 45

(2) The land to which this section relates, and the buildings thereon, shall, so long as required, remain in the exclusive occupation and possession of the Crown without payment of rent or other charge in respect thereof, and shall be used only for the purposes of the general government of New Zealand. 50

(3) No new buildings shall be at any time erected thereon either by the Board or by the Crown.

9. No part of the land to which this Act applies shall be rateable property within the meaning of the Rating Act, 1925.

Exemption from rates.

10. (1) All expenditure incurred in respect of the maintenance or repair of the buildings situated on the land described in the *Second* Schedule hereto shall be paid out of moneys to be appropriated for the purpose by Parliament.

Maintenance of property vested in the Board pursuant to this Act.

(2) All other expenditure in relation to the property vested in the Board by this Act shall be paid out of the funds of the Board.

11. (1) The funds of the Board shall consist of—

10 (a) Any moneys that may be appropriated by Parliament in aid of the Board, but not including moneys expended for the purposes mentioned in subsection *one* of section *ten* hereof:

Funds of the Board.

(b) All moneys that may be paid to the Board by any local authority or public body pursuant to the authority hereinafter conferred in that behalf:

15 (c) All moneys received by the Board as rent, fees, or other charges in respect of any property vested in it by this Act:

(d) All donations or other moneys received by the Board from any other source.

20 (2) Any local authority or public body whose office is situated within either of the provincial districts of Canterbury or Westland may from time to time out of its general funds contribute to the funds of the Board such amount as it thinks fit.

25 12. (1) The accounts of the Board shall be audited by the Audit Office as if the Board were a local authority within the meaning of Part XIV of the Public Revenues Act, 1926.

Audit of accounts.

30 (2) Within twenty-eight days after the close of each financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, the Board shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the Audit Office for audit a statement of accounts showing the receipts and disbursements of the Board for the year.

(3) A copy of the said statement of accounts, duly audited by the Audit Office, shall be laid before Parliament by the Minister of Lands.

Schedules.

## SCHEDULES.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 rood  $34\frac{6}{10}$  perches, more or less, and being part Reserve 11 and part Crown land situated in the City of Christchurch, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point on the left bank of the River Avon, being 32883·31 links north and 37297·83 links west of Trigonometrical Station, Mount Pleasant; thence westward bearing  $270^{\circ} 12' 20''$ , 244·83 links, and bearing  $272^{\circ} 08'$ , 21·21 links; thence northwards bearing  $359^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 19·98 links; thence again westward bearing  $269^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 42·33 links; thence southward bearing  $179^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 159·55 links; thence south-eastward bearing  $142^{\circ} 02'$ , 36·66 links, bearing  $133^{\circ} 52'$ , 40·28 links, and bearing  $117^{\circ} 31'$ , 41·69 links; thence eastward to the left bank of the River Avon bearing  $89^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 63·48 links; thence north-eastward along the left bank of the River Avon to the point of commencement: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 22/48, deposited in Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 1 rood  $1\frac{6}{10}$  perches, more or less, and being part Reserve 11 and part Crown land situated in the City of Christchurch, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point on the left bank of the River Avon, being 32883·31 links north and 37297·83 links west of Trigonometrical Station, Mount Pleasant; thence westward bearing  $270^{\circ} 12' 20''$ , 244·83 links, and bearing  $272^{\circ} 08'$ , 21·21 links; thence northward bearing  $359^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 19·98 links; thence again westward bearing  $269^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 42·33 links; thence northward bearing  $359^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 29·66 links; thence eastward bearing  $89^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 115·80 links; thence again northward bearing  $359^{\circ} 49' 05''$ , 49·25 links; thence again eastward to the left bank of the River Avon bearing  $90^{\circ}$ , 65·68 links, and bearing  $92^{\circ} 21' 20''$ , 164·56 links; thence south-westward along the left bank of the River Avon to the point of commencement; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 22/48, deposited in Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington, and thereon bordered green.