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CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC WORKS LOAN VALIDATION.

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AN ACT to validate the Christchurch Municipal Council Public Works Loan. Title.

WHEREAS the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Christchurch, hereinafter called "the Corporation," by the name of the Christchurch City Council, lately resolved to borrow, by way of special loan, pursuant to "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," and the Acts amending the same, the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds, for the purpose of constructing or establishing certain public works, as specified in the Schedule hereto, deemed necessary for promoting the convenience and health of the said city: And whereas the Council of the said Corporation duly published in the said city once in each week during four successive weeks a notice setting forth the particular works proposed to be undertaken, the sum proposed to be borrowed for such purpose, and the special rate to be pledged as security for any loan or appropriated to any special purpose: And whereas the Mayor of the said city duly called a meeting of the burgesses of the said city for a day not more than ten days after the publication of such notice, to consider the said proposal, and the Mayor presided at such meeting; and, after due consideration and discussion of the proposal, the Mayor gave notice that a poll would be taken on the said proposal on the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, being a day not less than one nor more than three weeks from the day of such meeting, as the day on which the said poll was to be taken: And whereas, all proceedings as required by the said Acts having been duly had and taken, the said poll was taken on the day

appointed therefor, when the said proposal was duly carried by the requisite number of the votes of the burgesses of the said city as by law required; and the Mayor forthwith gave public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the said proposal, and declared the resolution in favour of such proposal to have been duly carried; and the Mayor duly sent a notice of the carrying of such resolution to the Colonial Secretary, who published the same in the New Zealand Government *Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five: And whereas the rate proposed to be pledged as security for the said loan has been duly struck as by law required, and two hundred and fifty debentures for the sum of one hundred pounds each, with coupons attached, duly sealed, and ready for issue in the manner prescribed by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," and the Ninth and Tenth Schedules thereto: And whereas doubt has been raised whether such proposal and the publication thereof, and the poll had and taken thereupon were valid, by reason of the same having been made and taken in the name of the Christchurch City Council instead of in the name of the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Christchurch: And whereas it is desirable to remove such doubts:

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Christchurch Public Works Loan Validation Act, 1885."

Validation of proceedings and debentures.

2. The proposal hereinafter referred to, and the poll had and taken thereupon, and all subsequent proceedings, and the special rate struck in respect of and as security for the said loan, and the making of the said debentures and coupons attached shall be good, valid, and effectual in law, and in all respects, notwithstanding the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Christchurch in any notice or proceeding in connection with the said proposal or loan, or the taking of the poll thereon, or any subsequent proceedings in connection therewith, may have been erroneously described as the Christchurch City Council.

Christchurch City Council to mean Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Christchurch.

3. In all matters and proceedings whatsoever in which the name "Christchurch City Council" has been used or may hereafter be used instead of the corporate title "Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Christchurch," the words "Christchurch City Council" shall be taken to be and shall mean and be read as the "Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Christchurch."

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WORKS.

THE following is a schedule of the proposed works, with the probable cost of each: Worcester Street bridge, £1,800; Park bridge, Armagh Street, £1,600; Victoria Street bridge, £1,400; Gloucester Street bridge, £2,500; gas lamps, £1,000; Channelling, £500; Underground tanks for fire prevention, £1,800; Concrete kerbing, £4,500; wells for street watering, £1,400; tramway to Corporation cemetery and reserves, £6,600; contingencies, £1,900: total, £25,000.