

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Superintendent of the Province of Otago to guarantee payment of Dividends or Interest on an additional sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds (£15,000) of the Capital of the Dunedin Water Works Company.

Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Dunedin Water Works Sale Act 1868." Short Title.

2. Whereas it may hereafter be conducive to the public interest of the Province of Otago that the water supply of the City of Dunedin should be under the control of the Corporation of the said City Be it therefore enacted that it shall be lawful for the Dunedin Water Works Company to transfer to the said Corporation all the right title and interest of the said Company of and in the water supply of the said City and all the land works and other property of what nature soever acquired by the said Company and all right title and interest therein and all the functions duties powers and authorities vested in conferred on or exercisable by the said Company upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between the said Company and the said Corporation and shall have been approved of by the said Company by special resolution passed in the manner provided by the fortieth section of "The Joint Stock Companies Act 1860" and the said Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to accept such transfer upon such terms and conditions as aforesaid Provided such terms and conditions shall have been approved in writing under the seal of the Province by the Superintendent of Otago.

Dunedin Water Works Company may transfer all their right title and interest in the works to the Corporation of the City.

3. And whereas the Dunedin Water Works Company has issued shares in the said Company representing subscribed capital to the amount of thirty-five thousand pounds (£35,000) and debentures to the value of an additional fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) on both of which the Superintendent of the Province of Otago has by law empowered guaranteed a minimum rate of dividend or interest for a given term of years And whereas the Company is empowered to issue additional shares to the amount of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) And whereas the Provincial Council of Otago by resolution has recorded its request that this Assembly will empower the Superintendent to assist the Company in raising the said amount of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) It is hereby enacted that notwithstanding anything contained in the instrument or instruments by which the aforesaid guarantees have been or may be ratified it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Otago to authorize the said Company to issue the said unissued shares to the value of fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) subject to a preference lien on the yearly revenue of the said Company to an amount not exceeding six pounds (£6) per centum for a term not exceeding ten years Provided that the said Superintendent shall stipulate that the money raised by the sale of such preference shares shall be exclusively expended on the purchase and laying down of main and service pipes.

Superintendent may authorize Company to issue additional shares to the value of £15,000 subject to a lien of six per cent. for ten years.