

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

30th October, 1905.

Hon. Mr. Duncan.

ELLESMERE LANDS DRAINAGE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for the Drainage of the Ellesmere Lands. 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 is "The Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905." Short Title.

2. (1.) The area of land described in the *First* Schedule hereto is hereby constituted a land-drainage district under the name of the Ellesmere Lands Drainage District. Ellesmere Lands Drainage District.

(2.) The district so constituted shall be deemed to be a district under "The Land Drainage Act, 1904," and the provisions of that Act shall apply thereto in the same manner as if it had been constituted a drainage district under that Act.

3. (1.) The land described in the *Second* Schedule hereto and now vested in the Selwyn County Council as an endowment to provide funds for the purpose of removing obstructions to the flow of the Halswell River through Lake Ellesmere to the sea is hereby, with the consent of the said Council, vested in the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"); and all rents and profits hereafter derived from the said lands shall belong to the Board. Endowments.

(2.) The land described in the *Third* Schedule hereto is hereby vested in the Board as a further endowment.

4. (1.) The Board may from time to time borrow moneys, not exceeding in the whole the sum of ten thousand pounds, on the security of the rents and profits of the said endowments. Power to borrow.

(2.) Such moneys shall be raised in the manner prescribed by "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," and as and when raised shall be applied in or towards the construction of drainage-works in the district.

Special rate.

5. As further security for the repayment of the moneys so raised the Board shall make and levy on all rateable property within its district a special rate not exceeding *one* penny in the pound on the capital value thereof.

Subsidy.

6. (1.) The Colonial Treasurer shall, out of the rents received under section one hundred and *seven* of "The Land Act, 1892," pay to the Board a subsidy of *five* hundred pounds annually during the currency of the loan not exceeding *thirty* years.

(2.) The first payment of such subsidy shall be made within *twelve* months after the raising of the loan.

Halswell River
Drainage District
abolished.
Repeal.

7. The Halswell River Drainage District, as constituted under "The Halswell River Drainage District Act, 1893," is hereby abolished, and that Act is hereby repealed:

Provided that, until the first election of members of the Board under this Act, the members of the Selwyn County Council in office on the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be the members of the Board, and the assets and liabilities of the Selwyn County Council in respect of the Halswell Drainage District shall be deemed to be assets and liabilities of the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ELLESMERE LANDS DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

BOUNDED towards the west generally by the western side of the road forming the south-west boundary of Section No. 5608 and its continuation to Section No. 10211; thence by the north-western side of Ellesmere Road by Dawson's to a point opposite to the north-west corner of Section No. 1644, and thence by the north side of the road running between Sections Nos. 2558 and 1644 to the Halswell River; thence towards the north and north-east generally by the left bank of that river to the bridge known as Candy's Bridge; thence by that bridge and by the north side of the road running between Sections Nos. 1422 and 407, by the north side of the road passing through the said Section No. 407, by the north-west side of the road north-west of Section No. 1593, and north of Section No. 1594, to the Quarry Road; by the eastern side of the last-mentioned road, and the eastern side of the Old Lower Lincoln Road to Burke's Bush Road North, by the northern side of that road, by the eastern side of the road west of Section No. 17737, and by the northern side of Burke's Bush Road South; towards the east generally by the eastern side of the road separating Section No. 17741 from Section No. 35510, and its continuation by the south side of the road separating Section No. 17739 from Section No. 17740 to Section No. 34450; thence by Section No. 13538, and by the north side of the road forming part of the northern boundaries of Sections Nos. 807 and 13556; thence again by Section No. 13538, by Sections Nos. 19537 and 18810; thence by a line across a road by Section No. 34243; thence by a line across a road by Sections Nos. 34303 and 23402 to Gerkin's Road, by the north side of Gerkin's Road, by the north side of the road separating Section No. 17848 from Section No. 22896, and its continuation, by the south-east side of the Ahuriri Bush Road North, and by the eastern side of Ahuriri and Little River Road, by Sections Nos. 1879, 7482, 3864, and 3898, and by the western and northern side of a road passing through said Sections Nos. 3864 and 3898 and 5481, across a road and by Sections Nos. 4395, 2145, 2104, across a road and by Section No. 3854, across a road and by Sections Nos. 34518, 12130, Reserve No. 1676, Sections Nos. 21215, 12129, 21163, across a road and by the southern side of a road passing through Section No. 2868, by

Sections Nos. 4134 and 21162, and Reserve No. 1104, by the eastern side of a road passing through Lot No. 1 of Block 6 of Reserve No. 959, across a road and by Section No. 2888, by the north-eastern boundaries of Lot No. 2 of said Block 6 of Reserve No. 959, by Section No. 34083, by the eastern boundaries of Lot 3 of said Block 6, and of a fishing reserve, by Section No. 34208, by the north-western side of the road forming the north-western boundary of Lots Nos. 1B and 1A of Block 7 of Reserve No. 959, across that road, by Reserve No. 2581, by Sections Nos. 34088, 34087, across a road, by Section No. 34086, across a road, by Section No. 2770, across a road, by Sections Nos. 1860 and 2769, Reserve No. 1103, and Section No. 18790, across a road, by Sections Nos. 2279, 18789, 3296, 23460, Reserve No. 1102, across a road, by Sections Nos. 4555 and 2264, across a road and by Section No. 6663, across a road and by Section No. 11487, across a road and by Section No. 11488, across a road, by Section No. 4303, across a road and by Section No. 4073; towards the south-east generally by the south-eastern side of the road which forms the southern boundaries of Blocks 7 and 8 of Reserve No. 959, known as Taumutu Road, and which passes between Sections Nos. 35679 and 35665 and continues to the extremity of the spit at the outlet of Lake Ellesmere, thence by the ocean to the production of the north-west boundary-line of Native Reserve No. 878; thence again towards the west, north-west, and north generally by the said boundary-line produced and the north-west boundary-line of said Native Reserve No. 878, across and by the north side of Pohau's Road, by Native Reserve No. 901, by the south-western side of Bridge's Road, across that road, by Sections Nos. 10462, 9467, 8828, 9189, 9157, 8929, 9690, 9174, across a road, by Section No. 12142, across a road, by Section No. 5623, across a road, by Sections Nos. 5879, 9584, 8180, 9738, 10764, 10444, 10875, 9605, 10788, 10591, 9622, 10593, 10592, 17161, 30479, 11462, 5173, 5174, 11328, 11258, 10883, 11160, 11158, 14312, 5618, across a road, by Sections Nos. 6622, 6823, and 6824, across a road, and the Selwyn River, by Sections Nos. 20610, 7355, 7354, 7713, 17181, 17182, across a road, by Section No. 11087, across a road, by Sections Nos. 7707 and 6699, across a road, by Section No. 11603, across a road, by Section No. 12523, across a road, by Sections Nos. 9512, 7968, and by the northern side of a road which forms the southern boundary of Sections Nos. 11577, 5547, 5550, 4198, 4199, 12389, 5630, 5629, and 5628, to the road first mentioned.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

LAKE ELLESMERE DRAINAGE ENDOWMENT.

ALL that area in the Land District of Canterbury, situated in the Southbridge and Ellesmere Survey Districts, containing by admeasurement 1,551 acres, more or less: Bounded towards the north-west generally by a reserve 1 chain in width, skirting the waters of Lake Ellesmere; towards the north-east by Crown land, being formerly Reserve No. 683; and towards the south-east generally by a road following the original high-water line of the said lake, and forming the north-west boundary of Sections Nos. 35659 and 35679, and part of the north-west boundary of Run No. 182: excepting therefrom four road-lines, each of which is not less than 1 chain in width, intersecting the above-described area.

Also that area in the Land District of Canterbury, situated in the Ellesmere Survey District, containing by admeasurement 731 acres, more or less: Bounded towards the north-west generally by a reserve 1 chain in width, skirting the waters of Lake Ellesmere; towards the north-east by Crown land, being formerly Reserve No. 682, and by a road-line forming part of the western boundary of Section No. 1, Block VI.; towards the south-east generally by a road forming the north-west boundary of Section No. 35659 in the said Block VI.; and towards the south-west by Crown land, being formerly Reserve No. 683: excepting therefrom a road not less than 1 chain in width intersecting the above-described area.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District containing by admeasurement 245 acres, more or less, situated in Block X., Halswell Survey District: Bounded towards the north-east generally by original Sections Nos. 11165, 8308, 11166, 31239, and 3319, to the road forming part of the western boundary of the last-mentioned section; thence by that road and the road forming the western boundary of original Section No. 9643, and forming the western and south-western boundaries of Reserve No. 1107, and forming also part of the south-western boundary of original

Section No. 15403; thence by a stream which crosses the said road and forms the south-eastern boundary of the last-mentioned section and the south-western boundaries of original Sections Nos. 14125, 15402, and 2439, to a public road 100 links wide along the left bank of the Halswell River; thence towards the south-west generally by the said road, continuing along the left bank of the Halswell River, and along the eastern and northern shores of the Ahuriri Lagoon to the south-eastern boundary-line of original Section No. 11167; and thence towards the north-west by the last-mentioned section to Section No. 11165 aforesaid: excepting two roads which intersect the above-described area.

Also all that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 60 acres, more or less, situated in Block X., Halswell Survey District, and being Lot No. 4, Block I., of Lake Ellesmere Reserve.

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