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WESTLAND GREYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Establishment and Management of a High School on the West Coast of the Middle Island of New Zealand.

5 WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable to make special provision for the establishment and management of a high school for the education of boys and girls, and for the use and benefit of the inhabitants, of the West Coast of the Middle Island:

10 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Westland Greymouth High School Act, 1883."

15 2. The Board of Governors to be composed and appointed as hereinafter provided shall be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of the Westland Greymouth High School Board (hereinafter called "the said Board"), by which name such body corporate shall have a perpetual succession and a common seal, and may hold lands, and may sue and be sued, and may do and suffer all such things as corporate bodies may do and suffer.

20 3. The said Board shall consist of six persons, of whom two shall be appointed by the Governor of the colony, and of whom one shall be appointed by the Grey and County Council, one by the Inangahua County Councils respectively, one by the Greymouth Borough Council, and one by the Grey Education Board; and the first elections appointments and all subsequent elections by the Governor and appointments by such bodies, whether annual or to fill a vacancy, shall be held made on such days, and conducted in such manner in all respects, as they shall respectively from time to time by resolution direct:

30 Provided that the first election appointment by the Governor and by each of such bodies shall take place within three months after the passing of this Act, and all subsequent elections appointments within one month after the vacancy in respect of which such election appointment is necessary has been notified, as hereinafter mentioned.

Rotation of retiring members.

4. On the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and on the same day and month in every year thereafter, one of the members elected *appointed* by the Governor, and the member elected *appointed* by each of such bodies respectively shall retire and a person shall be elected *appointed* in his place; the member elected *appointed* by the Governor who is to retire on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four shall be previously determined by ballot of the said Board, and on the first day of February in every subsequent year the one of the members elected *appointed* by the Governor shall retire who has served longest on the Board without re-election *reappointment shall retire*, but a retiring member may be re-elected *reappointed*.

Disqualification.

5. If any member of the said Board shall cease to reside on the west coast of the Middle Island for a period of six months, or shall by writing under his hand resign his office, or become bankrupt, or be convicted of any indictable offence, he shall immediately thereupon cease to be a member of such Board.

Vacancies.

6. In the event of any vacancy or vacancies occurring by reason of the death, resignation, or otherwise of any of the elected members of the said Board, such vacancy or vacancies may forthwith be filled up by the election *appointment* of a new member or members by the Governor, and the said County Councils of Grey and the County Council of Inangahua, Borough Council of Greymouth, and or Grey Education Board, according as the vacancy shall have occurred in the case of a member who has been elected *appointed* by the Governor and or by any of the said County Councils, Borough Council, and or Education Board respectively.

Notification of vacancy.

7. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the said Board, or some other officer authorized for the purpose by it, immediately on a vacancy occurring, to notify the same in writing under his hand, and post it addressed to the Governor or to the Chairman or other principal officer of the body entitled to elect *appoint* to such vacancy.

Governor may appoint in case of neglect or refusal of County Councils or Board.

8. In the event of the refusal or neglect of either of the said Councils or Board to elect *appoint* a member of the said Board within the time specified by this Act for such election *appointment*, the Governor may appoint a member in lieu of the member who should have been so elected *appointed*.

Meetings. Election of Chairman.

9. The Board shall hold its first meeting on a day and at a place to be appointed by the Governor for the election of one of its members as a Chairman, and the Chairman then elected shall hold office until the said first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

The Board shall hold an annual meeting for the like purpose in the month of February in each subsequent year.

At every such meeting the Board, by a majority of the members present, shall elect one of its number to be Chairman, who shall hold office for a term of one year only, but he shall be eligible for re-election.

In the event of there being an equality of votes, the election of Chairman shall be decided by lot at such meeting.

Vacancy in office of Chairman.

10. If the Chairman shall from any cause cease to be a member of the said Board, or resign the office of Chairman, the Board shall, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect another member of the Board to be Chairman in his stead, who shall hold office until the next election of a Chairman as hereinbefore provided.

Chairman has deliberative and casting vote.

11. At all meetings of the Board the Chairman, or, in his absence, such member of the Board as the majority of the members assembled shall choose, shall preside; and such Chairman or presiding member shall have a deliberative vote. and in all cases of equality of votes

12. It shall be lawful for the said Board to establish and maintain in the Town of Greymouth, or within a radius of five miles therefrom, on the west coast of the Middle Island, a school or schools for the higher education of boys or of girls, or of both, and to designate the same the "~~Westland~~ Greymouth High School."

Board may establish schools for higher education.

13. There shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the said high school or schools, and the said Board shall have full power to appoint and dismiss all professors, masters, teachers, lecturers, examiners, and other officers and servants for the management of the said high school or schools; and also the entire management and superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property of the said high school or schools; and, in all cases unprovided for by this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Board to act in such manner as shall appear to it best calculated to further the purposes intended to be served by the establishment of a high school or schools: And the said Board shall have full power from time to time to make by-laws and regulations for defining the course of study and education on secular subjects in the said high school or schools, and also for the discipline and examination of the same, the conditions upon which scholars shall be admitted, and the fees to be paid in respect of such admission, and in general touching all other matters, purposes, and things regarding the said high school or schools.

Control and management thereof vested in Board.

14. The said Board shall make, and may from time to time revoke, vary, and make fresh, regulations for the conduct of business at its meetings, for determining how meetings shall be convened, and what number of members shall constitute a quorum thereat, and for such other like matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the said Board.

Regulations for conduct of business of Board.

15. Minutes of the proceedings of the said Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every meeting of the said Board the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same shall be read, and the minutes when so signed shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Board for all purposes whatsoever.

Minutes of proceedings.

16. The Board shall keep full and accurate accounts of all its receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and engagements, and shall, on or before the thirty-first day of the month of January of each year, cause the same to be audited by such person as the Governor may appoint; and copies of such accounts, when audited, shall be forwarded to the Minister in charge of the Department of Education, together with a report of the proceedings of the said Board during the previous year; and such report and accounts shall be laid before the Assembly at its next session.

Accounts.

17. All things required by this Act to be done by the said Board shall be done in accordance with and in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the said Board, and no act of the said Board shall be invalid or liable to be questioned on the ground that one or more of the members of the said Board was or were incapacitated or had ceased to hold office as members of the said Board, or on the ground that the seat of any member of the said Board is vacant.

Acts to be done in pursuance of resolution passed.

18. The rents, profits, and annual income of all other real and personal estate which may be purchased by the Board, or granted as a site or sites or otherwise for the benefit of a high school or schools, or given, devised, or bequeathed to the said Board for the benefit of the said high school or schools, without any trusts or powers of a

"High School Reserves Act, 1880," to apply.

different nature being expressed in the instrument so giving, devising, or bequeathing to the said Board, and all reserves of land that may be hereafter made by the Queen for the benefit of the said high school, shall be held and dealt with by the said Board under and subject to the provisions of "The High School Reserves Act, 1880," the *Westland Greymouth High School or schools* being hereby declared to be a high school *or schools* under that Act. 5

Application of rent and profits.

19. The rent, profits, and annual income of all real and personal estate which may be vested in the said Board, together with all funds which may from time to time be derived from fees or payments made in respect of scholars or students attending the said high school *or schools*, together with any annual allowance that may be made by the General Assembly of New Zealand or the Government of such colony, shall be applied by them for the maintenance of the said high school *or schools*, and the payment of all salaries and expenses connected therewith, and for prizes, exhibitions, and scholarships for the students therein: Provided that the said Board shall have power to set apart, if it shall see fit, out of the said rent, profits, and annual income, such part as it shall consider advisable, either as addition to the capital fund, which shall then be invested in manner as hereafter mentioned and dealt with as part of such capital fund, or as a reserve fund to meet extraordinary expenses, which shall be invested and dealt with in such manner as the said Board shall direct. 10 15 20

Investment of moneys.

20. With respect to any moneys bequeathed or given to the said Board for the said high school *or schools*, or being rent, profits, and annual income set apart under the preceding section, the said Board shall have power to invest the same in the purchase or upon mortgage of freehold lands in New Zealand, or upon the stocks, bonds, bills, or debentures of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand or of any municipality established within such colony, and from time to time to vary any such investment. 25 30

Portion of income from Westland secondary education reserves vested in Board.

21. It is hereby enacted that one-half of the income derived from the reserves hitherto set apart for secondary education in the Provincial District of Westland, under and by virtue of "The Education Reserves Act, 1877," together with one-half of the cash proceeds of so much of such reserves as have been or may hereafter be sold and disposed of under "The Kumara Education Reserve Act, 1879," shall be paid to and shall vest in the Board, and shall be applied by the Board to the purposes set out in the *nineteenth* section of this Act. 35 40

Expenditure in erection of buildings for high school authorized.

22. The said Board may, out of such moneys as shall come into their hands by virtue of this Act or otherwise for the benefit of the said high school *or schools*, expend any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of *three thousand* pounds in erecting suitable buildings for use as a high school *or schools*, upon the site *or sites* to be selected, in terms of section twelve of this Act. 45

School to be subject to inspection.

23. The *Westland Greymouth High School* shall be subject to inspection by an Inspector appointed by the Minister of Education.