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## HOKITIKA HIGH SCHOOL.

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### A BILL INTITULED

An Act to provide for the Establishment and Management of the Hokitika High School.

WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable to make special provision for the establishment and management of a Boys' and Girls' High School at Hokitika, in the Provincial District of Westland :

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 Hokitika High School Act, 1878." Short Title.
2. The Board of Governors, to be composed and appointed as hereinafter provided, shall be and is hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Hokitika High School Board (hereinafter called "the said Board"), by which name such body corporate shall have 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. Board of Governors to be appointed and incorporated.
3. The said Board shall consist of seven persons, of whom one shall be nominated and appointed by each of the Borough Councils of Hokitika, Ross, and Kumara; one by the Westland Board of Education; one by the Westland County Council; and one shall be nominated and appointed from time to time by the Governor; and no member shall hold office longer than a year, but a retiring member shall be eligible for election or nomination. Such nomination and appointment shall take place in the month of January in each year. Constitution of Board of Governors.
4. If any member of the Board shall by writing under his hand resign his office, or become bankrupt, or be convicted of an indictable offence, or fail to attend three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Board, he shall immediately thereupon cease to be a member of such Board. Governors to vacate office in certain cases.
- In the event of any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation, or otherwise of any member of the said Board, such vacancy may be forthwith filled up by the Governor nominating or appointing a person to fill such vacancy; and such person shall only hold office for the unexpired period between the date of the appointment and the date of the next annual election.

First meeting and election of Chairman.

5. The said Board shall meet for the first time at such time and place as the Governor shall, by Proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette*, appoint, and shall forthwith proceed to elect a Chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he shall be present during the year next after his election, and when so presiding shall have a deliberative and casting vote on all questions coming before the Board; and such Chairman shall have the custody of the common seal.

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Board of Governors may regulate proceedings.

6. The said Board shall make and may from time to time revoke, vary, and make fresh regulations for the conduct of business at their 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.

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Proper minutes of all meetings to be kept.

7. Minutes of the proceedings of the said Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for the 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.

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Accounts to be kept and annually audited.

8. The Board shall keep full and accurate accounts of all their receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and engagements, and shall, in the month of January in every year, cause the same to be audited by such person as the Governor in Council 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.

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Board to act only upon resolutions passed at meetings.

9. All things required by this Act to be done by the said Board shall be done in accordance with or 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.

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Reserves vested in Board to be under "The High School Reserve Act, 1880."

10. The reserves to be vested in the Board in pursuance of the provisions hereafter contained, and all other real estate which may be purchased by the Board, or granted as a site or otherwise for the benefit of the Hokitika High School, or given, devised, or bequeathed to the said Board for the benefit of the said high school, without any trusts or powers of a 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 Hokitika High School being hereby declared to be a high school under that Act.

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Proceeds of rents and other income, how to be applied.

11. The rents, 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, shall be applied by them for the maintenance of the said Hokitika High School, 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 they shall see fit, out of the said rents, profits, and annual income, such part as they shall consider advisable, either as an addition to the capital fund, which shall then be invested in manner hereinafter mentioned and dealt with as

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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.

12. With respect to any moneys bequeathed or given to the said Board  
5 for the said high school, or being rents, 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 first mortgage of freehold lands in New Zealand, or upon the stocks, bonds, bills, or debentures of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, and from time to time to vary such investment.
- 10 13. 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 Hokitika High School, expend any sum or sums not exceeding on the whole three thousand pounds in erecting at Hokitika suitable buildings and premises for use as a high school.
- 15 14. There shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the Hokitika High School, 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, and also the entire management and superintendence over all the affairs, concerns,  
20 and property of the said high school; 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 them best calculated to further the purposes intended to be served by the establishment of a high school. And the said Board shall have full power from time to time to make by-laws and regulations for defining the course of  
25 study and education on secular subjects in the said high school, 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.
- 30 15. It is hereby enacted that 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 the cash proceeds of so much thereof as may have been sold and disposed of under "The Kumara Education Reserve Act, 1879," shall vest in the Board that may be from time to time  
35 appointed under this Act, and shall be taken to be a reserve and an endowment within the meaning of "The High School Reserves Act, 1880." Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be taken to repeal the said "Kumara Education Reserve Act, 1879," except in so far that the Board shall, upon their appointment, enjoy and execute all the powers and privileges that are vested in  
40 the School Commissioners for the Westland Provincial District in the said Act referred to.
16. The Hokitika High School shall be subject to inspection by an Inspector  
appointed by the Minister of Education.

Board may invest moneys not required for annual expenditure.

Application of moneys.

Board to have control of High School, and may make regulations for conducting the same.

Reserves.

Inspection.