

Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley.

JURIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.

1. Short Title.

2. Special juries in civil and criminal cases abolished.

3. Section 148 amended verbally.

4. Discharge of jury where they cannot agree.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Juries Act, 1880."

Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Juries Act Amendment Act, 1894."

Short Title.

Struck out.

10 2. Special juries in civil and criminal cases are hereby abolished, anything to the contrary contained in any law notwithstanding.

Special juries in civil and criminal cases abolished.

No Special-jury Book shall hereafter be made for any jury district.

15 Every person whose name appears on any Special-jury Book at the present time in use shall for all purposes be deemed to be a common juror, and shall be liable to serve as such.

20 Sections thirty-five to thirty-eight, forty-six, forty-seven, seventy-one to ninety-two, one hundred and five, one hundred and ten, one hundred and twenty-nine, and one hundred and sixty-four of "The Juries Act, 1880" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), and all words in any other section thereof, or in any schedule thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this section, are hereby repealed.

Section four of "The Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Amendment Act, 1884," is hereby also repealed.

25 3. Section one hundred and forty-eight of the said Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "a Maori jury" for the words "such jury" on their first occurrence in the said section.

Section 148 amended verbally.

4. 2. Section one hundred and fifty-seven of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

Discharge of jury where they cannot agree.

30 When a jury shall, after deliberating for what the Court considers a reasonable time, by their foreman, intimate to the Judge presiding that they cannot agree as to the verdict to be given, the Court in its discretion may discharge such jury from giving a verdict.

Such proceedings may thereupon be taken anew, as if no trial or inquiry had been commenced before the jury so discharged.

35 *New clause.*

40 3. Sections one hundred and twenty-three and one hundred and twenty-four of the said Act are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is hereby enacted, on the trial of all criminal cases, and of all civil cases to which the Queen is a party, there shall be the same right of challenge on behalf of the Queen as any prisoner or party to a suit has under the said Act.

Sections 123 and 124 of Act of 1880 repealed, and section 126 amended.

Section one hundred and twenty-six of the said Act is hereby amended by omitting the last word of the section, and substituting therefore the word "nine."

Every such lease shall contain such covenants, stipulations, and agreements as the Governor shall determine.

Governor may
execute necessary
deeds.

5. The Governor may, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, execute such conveyances, transfers, leases, and instruments as may be necessary for giving effect to the provisions of this Act. 5

Repeal.

6. So much of "The Public Domains Act, 1881," and "The Public Reserves Sale Act, 1888," as deals with or purports to deal with or affect any of the lands described in the *First* Schedule hereto, is hereby repealed. 10

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, containing 3 acres 2 roods 16 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 630, 631, and 632 on the map of the City of Wellington, and bounded as follows: viz., On the north-west by Grant Road, 600 links; on the north-east by the south-western boundary of Section No. 633 on the said map and Pitarua Street, 600 links; on the south-east by Tinakori Road, 600 links; and on the south-west by the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 629 on the said map, 600 links.

All that parcel of land, containing 2 roods, more or less, being part of Section No. 569 on the map of the City of Wellington, and bounded as follows: viz., On the north-east by the south-western boundary of Section No. 570 on the said map, 500 links; on the south-east by part of the north-western boundary of Section No. 575 on the said map, 100 links; on the south-west by other portion of said Section No. 569, 500 links; and on the north-west by Tinakori Road, 100 links.

All that parcel of land, containing 1 rood 5 perches, more or less, being portion of Section No. 564 on the map of the City of Wellington, and bounded as follows: viz., On the north-west by the south-eastern boundary of Section No. 565 on the said map, 200 links; on the south-west by part of the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 562 on the said map, 143 links; on the south-east by other part of said Section No. 564, 200 links; and on the north-east by Molesworth Street, 143 links.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land, comprising 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 630 and 631 on the map of the City of Wellington, and bounded as follows: viz., On the north-west by Grant Road, 400 links; on the north-east by the south-western boundary of Section No. 632 on the said map, 600 links; on the south-east by Tinakori Road, 400 links; and on the south-west by the north-eastern boundary of Section No. 629 on the said map, 600 links.