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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Land Act, 1877," and the Acts amending the same. 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 Land Acts Amendment Act, 1883," Short Title. and it shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Land Act, 1877."

2. (1.) In this Act "lessee" means and includes every occupier of lands comprised in a lease, whether under an original lease, sub-lease, or through any transfer of a lease. Definition of "lessee."

New subsections.

(2.) In this Act and in "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(3.) In "The Land Act, 1877," and in all Acts amending the same, inclusive of this Act, words referring to a commissioner, receiver, board, authority, officer, district, or office shall be construed distributively as referring to each commissioner, receiver, board, authority, officer, district, or office to which or to whom the provision is applicable. 5

LEASES OF PASTORAL LANDS.

Governor in Council may proclaim pastoral lands for leasing in blocks not exceeding 5,000 acres each.

3. The Governor in Council may from time to time, by Proclamation in the Gazette, set apart for leasing by the Board, subject to the provisions of this Act, and in areas not exceeding five thousand acres each, any rural lands which may be classified under section seventy-five of "The Land Act, 1877," as being pastoral lands not suited for agriculture. for leasing by the Board, subject to the provisions of this Act, in areas not exceeding five thousand acres each. 10 15

Any such Proclamation may, on the recommendation of the Board, be at any time revoked in whole or in part, and either the whole or any part of the said lands may thereafter be dealt with as if they had never been so proclaimed.

The Governor in Council may also by Proclamation, which shall be made on the previous request or recommendation in writing of the body or person in whom any lands now are or hereafter may be vested as reserves by way of endowments for any such body or for any persons or for any purposes, or who have the administration of the revenues arising from such lands, declare that any such lands, being pastoral lands not suited for agriculture, may be leased subject to the provisions of this Act, and in areas not exceeding five thousand acres, and the same may be thereupon so leased; and such proclamation may from time to time be altered or revoked. 20 25

When any land has been so set apart no part of such land shall be capable of being sold or of being otherwise dealt with than by leasing under this Act, so long as the said Proclamation remains in force as to such land. 30

No person can be lessee who thereby will own or occupy more than 5,640 acres in the colony.

4. No person shall be capable of becoming a lessee under this Act—

(1.) Who owns any freehold land, or land held under lease or license of any kind whatever under the Crown, whereby such person, either by himself or jointly with any other person or persons, may become the owner or occupier of lands anywhere in the colony which, taken together with the lands comprised in the lease, would exceed in area five thousand six hundred and forty acres; 35

(2.) Until he has deposited with the Commissioner a statutory declaration in the form or to the effect set forth in the Schedule hereto.

Declaration to be made by all occupants. No person can take two leases.

5. No person shall be capable of becoming the lessee under more than one lease under this Act. 40

Except through marriage or bequest, &c.

6. The provisions of the last two preceding sections shall not apply to persons who may become lessees or sub-lessees by marriage, or under a will, or by virtue of an intestacy.

Forfeiture of lease in certain cases.

7. Any lease held by any person who shall hold or occupy by himself or by other persons under him more than one lease, except as provided in the case of section six of this Act, shall be forfeited, and be deemed to be and to have been from the issue thereof absolutely void and of no effect; and such lands may be dealt with forthwith by the Board as in the case of unoccupied Crown lands. 45 50

Conditions of lease as to reservation of roads and minerals.

8. Every lease under this Act shall be subject to the stipulations following:—

(1.) Such roads and rights-of-way as the Governor or the Board may deem necessary may, at any time, be taken through any part of the lands comprised in the lease, not being part of homestead lands, or of lands enclosed and planted with trees, without compensation; 55

New subsection.

(2.) The lands comprised in the lease shall be subject to "The Mines Act, 1877," and to all regulations made thereunder; and every holder of a miner's right or business license may exercise the same respectively over the aforesaid lands, subject as aforesaid.

New clause.

9. Where a lessee has erected a homestead on the land included in his lease he shall have the right, with the consent of the Board, but, if within a mining district, on the recommendation of the Warden of the district, subject to all regulations in force in such district relating to the grant of agricultural leases, to select and occupy, during the currency of his lease, an area of not more than one hundred and fifty acres including such homestead, but this right shall not exist in respect of more than one homestead on such lands.

Lessee erecting homestead may occupy 150 acres including same.

9-10. A lease under this Act shall entitle the lessee to free the exclusive right of pasturage over all the lands included in the lease, and to all crops which he may choose to take off any part of the lands he may put into cultivation; but no lessee shall have any right to cut, burn, or remove any Native timber or bush growing on the land, other than he may require as firewood or fencing for his own use, or for building purposes on the lands comprised in the lease, except by leave or license from the Board.

Lessee may cultivate land, but not remove timber, &c.

10-11. The following provisions of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," are hereby incorporated with this Act, and every lease granted under this Act shall be subject thereto, that is to say,—

Conditions set forth or incorporated in Act to operate as if set forth in lease.

- (1.) Sections five to twelve, both inclusive, as to tenders for leases and deposits;
- (2.) Sections sixteen to nineteen, both inclusive, as to the preparation, cost, execution, and registration of leases;
- (3.) Sections twenty-three to twenty-six, both inclusive, as to transfers, sub-leases, and sales by mortgagees;
- (4.) Section thirty-nine as to special conditions when lands front a stream of water;
- (5.) *Section forty-five as to arbitration.*

The conditions set forth or incorporated in this Act as regards leases shall operate and shall be deemed to bind the Board and the lessee as fully and effectually as if they were set forth in each lease.

11-12. Every lease under this Act (hereinafter referred to as a "lease") shall be put up to public competition by tender, at an upset rental equivalent to two pounds and ten shillings ~~per centum on~~ for every hundred pounds of the capital value of the land proposed to be leased as shall be fixed by the Board:

Leases put up to tender at upset rental.

Provided that such value so fixed shall not be less than *twenty shillings within any land district wherein the selling price of land for cash is not less than that amount, and elsewhere not less than the price for which similar lands may be sold for cash under the law for the time being regulating the price of such land in the district.*

12-13. All tenders for any land shall be opened by the Commissioner at the same time at a meeting of the Board duly notified for the purpose; and they shall be subject to the provisions of sections five to twelve, both inclusive, of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882."

Requirements of tenders.

Any such tender shall be deemed to be informal and incapable of being accepted unless closed up and accompanied by—

- (1.) A statutory declaration in the form or to the effect set forth in the Schedule hereto, together with six months' rent at the rate tendered, and the sum of thirty shillings to pay for the lease and registration thereof, paid either in cash or by a marked cheque;

(2.) A written undertaking to pay the value of all improvements (if any) assessed upon the lands tendered for ~~within~~ *not later than* thirty days before the commencement of the lease.

Term of leases.

~~13.~~ 14. Every lease shall be for a term fixed so as to expire on the *last day of February* which shall first ensue after the expiration of ~~not less than fourteen~~ *seven years* nor more than twenty-one years, as may be determined by the Board in each case, from the date of the commencement of the term, and shall be renewable *from time to time by public tender* in manner hereinafter mentioned. 5

Rent to be paid half-yearly in advance.

~~14.~~ 15. The lessee shall pay the rent reserved by his lease to the Receiver of Land Revenue of the district wherein the land leased by him is situate, by equal half-yearly instalments in advance, on the first day of the months of *March and September* in each year. The half-year's rent paid at the time of tendering shall be in discharge of the half-year's rent due on the first day of *January March* or the first day of *July September* which shall first ensue after the commencement of the term. 10 15

Lessee liable for rates.

~~15.~~ 16. The lessee shall be liable for all rates, taxes, or assessments of every nature or kind whatsoever imposed upon the occupier of the lands included in his lease during the term for which he is lessee.

Conditions as to residential occupation by lessee.

16. 17. Every lessee shall, within twelve months of the commencement of his term, and thereafter for a period of six ~~four~~ consecutive years, reside on some portion of the lands leased by him. 20

~~But the Board may dispense with the necessity of such residence if the lessee resides continuously during the six years aforesaid on any freehold or leasehold lands of not less than fifty acres in area in his own occupation situate within a radius of twenty miles from the lands leased.~~ 25

When a lessee under this Act acquires by marriage, or under a will, or under an ~~through~~ intestacy, an interest in a lease under this Act of lands other than those comprised in his original lease, residence on the lands comprised in one of the leases shall be sufficient fulfilment in respect of the lands comprised in both leases of the condition of this section as to residence. 30

Lessee within four years to put improvements on land to value of four years' rent.

~~17.~~ 18. Each lessee shall put *on the land comprised in his lease* substantial improvements of a permanent character ~~on the land,~~ to a value equivalent equal to the amount of one year's rent of the land, within one year from the date of his lease; and to an equal value *equal to another year's rent* within two years from the date of his lease; and thereafter, but within six ~~four~~ years from the date of his lease, to a value equivalent equal to the amount of *other two* years' rent ~~of the land.~~ 35

Allowance for value paid on entering.

Any money paid for value of improvements by a purchaser of a lease on entering into occupation shall be allowed and estimated to be *paid for* substantial improvements, to the amount of such value, put upon the land by such purchaser within the meaning of this section. 40

Definition of "substantial improvements of a permanent character."

"Substantial improvements of a permanent character" shall, for all purposes under this Act, mean and include reclamation from swamps, clearing of bush or scrub off bush lands, cultivation, planting with trees or live hedges, the laying-out and cultivating of gardens, fencing, draining, making roads, sinking wells or water-tanks, constructing water-races, in any way improving the character or fertility of the soil, or the erection of any necessary building. 45

New Clauses.

19. Not later than six months before the expiration of the term of the lease the Board shall cause a valuation to be made by arbitration, under section forty-five of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," of the then value of the fee-simple of the lands then included in the lease, and of all the improvements of a substantial character made upon the lands by the lessee during its occupation; and not later than four months before the expiry of the term for 50

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which the lessee then holds the lands he shall elect, by written notice to the Commissioner, whether he will accept a fresh lease for a further term of twenty-one years from the expiration of the then term at a rental equal to two pounds and ten shillings for every hundred pounds of the gross value of the lands as fixed by the arbitration, after deducting therefrom the value of the aforesaid improvements as fixed by the said arbitration.

20. If the lessee shall not elect to accept a renewal as above-mentioned, or shall refuse or neglect to execute a lease within seven days after the same is tendered to him for the purpose, the Board, with the approval of the Governor, not later than two months before the expiration of the term of the current lease, shall cause the lands included in the lease, or so much thereof as it shall think fit, to be again offered for lease at the revised rental, in the same manner as the original lease was offered, for such further term of twenty-one years.

New Clauses.

21. Where a lease offered for sale at a revised upset rental is not disposed of, or the purchaser of such lease fails in any conditions required of him before entering into occupation, the outgoing tenant may continue in possession, from year to year, of the lands comprised in the original lease at the original rental thereof, until the Board succeeds in finding a purchaser for the lease at the revised upset rental.

If lease not sold outgoing tenant may remain in possession.

22. In any case as aforesaid where a lease offered at a revised upset rental is not disposed of the Board may, at any time, reduce such upset rental as it shall think fit, subject, however, to the provisions of section *twelve*.

Board may reduce upset rental in certain cases.

23. The purchaser of the new lease shall be bound by all the conditions of a lease as in the case of an original lessee, and ~~within~~ *not later than* thirty days before the commencement of the term of the lease shall pay to the Receiver of Land Revenue the full amount of the value awarded for improvements on the land to be leased to him, and if he fail to do so his right to obtain the lease shall be absolutely determined, and the same shall again be offered for disposal by public tender as aforesaid.

Purchaser to pay value before term of lease commences.

No such payment as aforesaid shall be required in any case where the outgoing tenant becomes the purchaser of the new lease and remains in occupation.

24. If any purchaser of a lease shall think the improvements deteriorated in value since the appraisement, and shall, at the time of making such payment as aforesaid, require it, the Board ~~shall~~ *may, if it think fit*, at such request and at the cost of the purchaser, cause a new appraisement to be made of the value of the improvements at the time of such payment, and, if the amount then appraised be less than the amount paid by the purchaser, the difference shall be refunded to the purchaser by the receiver aforesaid, on the request of the Board to that effect.

Review of appraisement.

25. The amount of the valuation for improvements received by the Receiver of Land Revenue as aforesaid shall, *less any deduction which may be made therefrom under the last preceding section*, within one month after the receipt thereof, be paid by him to the outgoing tenant, unless there shall be any arrears of rent or other moneys due in respect of the lease by the outgoing tenant, in which case such rent or moneys shall be deducted from the amount aforesaid, and the balance only shall be paid to the said tenant.

Value to be paid to outgoing tenant, subject to arrears, &c.

26. If any lessee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of his lease within thirty days after the day on which the same ought to be fulfilled, and shall neglect or refuse to give up possession of the land on being required in writing so to do, the Commissioner of Crown Lands may proceed for recovery of

Procedure for recovery of land in case of breach of conditions.

possession of the land in manner provided by sections sixty-nine and seventy of "The Land Act, 1877," which sections shall be read for the purposes of this Act as if the word "lessee" had originally been inserted therein in the place of the word "selector," wherever the latter word occurs.

After recovery land to be again leased.

~~22.~~ 27. On recovering possession the Board shall cause a valuation to be made of the improvements, if any, upon the land to be made in manner as hereinbefore mentioned, and may dispose of the land as if the lease thereof had expired by effluxion of time. 5

On forfeiture tenant to lose his right to value of improvements.

28. The amount of the valuation of the improvements, if when paid by the purchaser of a new lease, may, at the discretion of the Board, with the approval of the Governor, be paid to the original lessee, less the amount of expenses incurred in recovering possession of the land, and less also any arrears of rent or other moneys due in respect of such land by the outgoing tenant. But in every case of the forfeiture of a lease for breach of conditions the payment of the amount of such valuation, or of any part thereof, shall be absolutely at the discretion of the Board, subject to the approval of the Governor. 10 15

If lease not renewed, value of improvements to be paid by the Crown, except when lease forfeited.

~~23.~~ 29. In any case where it is determined that any lands included in a lease shall not again be offered for further lease, then the amount of the valuation for improvements shall be paid to the outgoing tenant, as mentioned and subject as provided in section twenty-four, by the Receiver of Land Revenue out of any moneys which may be appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose, unless such outgoing tenant has forfeited his lease for breach of conditions, in which case all value of improvements shall be absolutely forfeited to the Crown. 20

Crown not to be liable for value of improvements.

~~30.~~ Except as in this section mentioned, No outgoing tenant shall have any right or claim against the Crown or the Board in respect of the value of any improvements made by him on the lands in his occupation in case any person shall fail to pay such value to the Receiver of Land Revenue as provided by this Act. 25

New Clauses.

Disposal of unsold leases at upset price.

31. Where any lease under this Act has been offered for sale by public competition and is not disposed of, the Board may at any time, and from time to time, offer the same again for competition as hereinbefore provided; or the Board may, after not less than thirty days' public notice has been given thereof, declare such lease to be open for sale on application at the upset price. 30

Unsold leases of runs may be disposed of at upset price.

32. Where any lease or license for occupation of pastoral lands under any Act other than this Act has been offered for sale by public competition and is not disposed of, the Board may at any time, and from time to time, offer the same for competition on the same terms as the lease was offered in the first instance; or may declare such lease open for sale on application at the upset price, after thirty days' public notice thereof has been given. 35 40

Section 45 of "The Land Act, 1877," amended.

33. The words "leases or licenses thereof," in the forty-fifth section of "The Land Act, 1877," shall be construed and deemed to include leases or licenses for occupation of pastoral lands as runs. 45

LANDS ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

Original condition of six years' residence revived.

24. 34. Section nine of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1879," is hereby repealed.

The provisions of subsection nine of section sixty-three of "The Land Act, 1877," are hereby revived, and shall have operation from and after the com-

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mencement of this Act as if the same had never been repealed, saving as to anything done prior to the commencement of this Act and subsequent to the commencement of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1879."

New Clause.

5 35. All selectors of land on deferred payments who have acquired the freehold of their respective selections under the relief afforded to them in accordance with the recommendation of the Waste Lands Committee of the House of Representatives, in a report dated the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, shall be deemed to have acquired such freehold under the 10 deferred-payment system, and shall be precluded from making any other selection of land under the said system.

Deferred-payment selectors who have acquired their freeholds through relief afforded them precluded from making any other selection.

36. Section sixty of "The Land Act, 1877," shall be read and construed as if the word "fraudulent" had never been inserted therein.

PASTORAL LANDS ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

15 25. 37. The provisions of this Act enumerated below, so far as the same may be applicable, shall apply to pastoral lands sold on deferred payments; that is to say,—

Conditions of this Act as to residence and improvements to apply to pastoral lands sold on deferred payments.

Section ~~sixteen~~ *seventeen*—in relation to the conditions of residential occupation;

20 Section ~~seventeen~~ *eighteen*—as to improvements to be put upon the land. All provisions of "The Land Act, 1877," or any Act amending the same, in contradiction of this section are hereby repealed.

LANDS ON PERPETUAL LEASES.

25 26. 38. Section thirty-eight of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," is hereby repealed, without prejudice, however, to any right, title, or claim which has already accrued thereunder.

Right of purchase within six years repealed.

SALES OF RESERVES.

30 27. 39. Where any lands are discharged from reservation and are authorized to be sold for purposes of settlement, the Governor may, notwithstanding such authority, except such portions of the lands from sale as he shall think necessary, and may reserve the same for public purposes under the one hundred and forty-fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877."

On sale of reserves portions may be retained for public purposes.

New Clauses.

RESERVES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH OR RECREATION.

35 40. The Governor may reserve out of any Crown lands, under the one hundred and forty-fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877," any land containing mineral or other springs which he may think should be so reserved for the public health, or any land wherein or whereon natural curiosities may exist of a character to be of national interest, and may, from time to time, by notification 40 in the *Gazette*, make regulations for the occupation and conservation thereof, and to regulate the access of the public thereto.

45 For the above purposes, or in respect of reserves of a like kind formerly made, the Governor may, from time to time, grant leases of any portion of such reserves, not exceeding seven acres in area, for a period not exceeding sixty-three years, conditional upon the erection by the lessee of suitable accommodation for visitors; and every such lease shall be subject to such covenants in respect of forfeiture for breaches thereof, and to such other conditions as the Governor shall think fit to be observed by the lessee for the public convenience.

41. Any local body may apply from the district funds such moneys from time to time as it shall think fit towards the maintenance or embellishment of any reserve made for the public recreation or health of the residents of the district under its jurisdiction, or for its ornamentation, or for purposes of public plantations, whether or not such reserve is situate within the limits of such district, and whether such reserve is vested in such local body or placed under its administration, either solely or jointly with any other local body or bodies, or may grant any such moneys for the purposes aforesaid by way of subsidy to any Domain Board having the charge of any such reserve. 5

And any such local body may unite with any other local body or bodies for the joint exercise of all the aforesaid powers in respect of any such reserve as aforesaid as may be under their joint administration or whereof they may have the use in common, and for regulating the use of such reserve by the public, or for the proper care and conservation thereof. 10 15

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENTS.

42. The provisions of sections three, five, and six of "The Plans of Towns Regulations Act, 1875," shall be deemed to apply to all boroughs and to all town districts, notwithstanding that any such borough or town district may have been laid off as a town previous to the passing of the Act aforesaid. 20

The Governor may from time to time reserve any Crown lands within any such borough or town district under the provisions of the aforesaid sections, subject that the reserves to be made for any place under this section shall be made only in cases where no such reserves for the same purposes exist in such place, or, if existing, do not equal or exceed the amount of reserves authorized to be made under the Act aforesaid. 25

LAND BOARDS.

43. Section twenty-three of "The Land Act, 1877," is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "not exceeding one pound per day," after the words "for travelling expenses actually incurred." 30

LICENSES FOR REMOVAL OF GUANO, ETC.

44. Part IV. of "The Land Act, 1877," shall be extended so as to include the issue of licenses for the removal of guano or other substances.

Section 86 of the said Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "or" for "and" in the first four places where the last-mentioned word occurs after the word "namely." 35

45. On any person or persons making *bona fide* application to the Waste Lands Board of any district to have one or more surveyed sections of rural lands thrown open for leasing under section two of "The Land Act, 1882," such lands shall be withdrawn from sale under the provision of section forty-eight of "The Land Act, 1877," until the pleasure of the Governor in respect to the land applied for is made known. 40

46. Every Land Board is hereby empowered from time to time, as occasion may require, to sit as a board of inquiry into any matter arising out of the administration of its functions under "The Land Act, 1877," and its amending Acts (herein referred to as "the said Acts"). 45

For the purposes aforesaid every such Board shall have all the powers granted by "The Commissioners Powers Act, 1867," and the 50

Act passed in amendment thereof to a Board appointed by the Governor in Council.

47. Whenever a Land Board has reason to believe that any lessee or licensee is not fulfilling the conditions of his lease or license in a *bona fide* manner according to their true intent and purport, the Board may hold an inquiry into the case under the powers aforesaid, and shall declare all the rights of the lessee or licensee under his lease or license to be forfeited, and shall cancel such lease or license, in every case where, upon inquiry, and after hearing witnesses, or without such hearing, the Board shall be satisfied that the lessee or licensee—

- (1.) Has not strictly conformed with the requirements of personal residence during the whole term prescribed; or
- (2.) Has not occupied the land comprised in his lease or license exclusively for his own personal use and benefit; or
- (3.) Has occupied such land for his own use and benefit nominally, but has permitted other persons to derive the virtual use and benefit thereof by depasturing their stock on the land, such stock not being agisted to the lessee or licensee upon adequate terms or for an adequate money consideration; or
- (4.) Has occupied such land apparently for his own use and benefit, but virtually has so occupied on behalf of another person who has supplied the lessee or licensee with money or stock in that behalf; or
- (5.) Has in any manner evaded, or attempted to evade, the requirements of the said Acts in their true intent and spirit.

And the Land Board shall declare every transaction null and void, and all deposit moneys to be forfeited, in any case where any lessee or licensee has purchased or acquired or occupied any lease or license not exclusively for his own personal use, occupation, and benefit.

48. The terms "lease or license" and "lessee or licensee" in the *last preceding* section include—

- (1.) A selector of suburban or rural land on deferred payments;
- (2.) A purchaser of pastoral lands on deferred payments;
- (3.) A lessee of rural land with perpetual right of renewal;
- (4.) A lessee of pastoral lands under "The Land Acts Amendment Act, 1883."

49. Every person feeling himself aggrieved by a decision of the Land Board under section forty-seven of this Act may appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court, in manner provided by "The Land Act, 1877," in relation to appeals in ordinary cases from the decisions of Land Boards.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

DECLARATION ON TAKING A LEASE, OR BECOMING THE TRANSFERREE OR SUB-LESSEE OF A LEASE.

I, A.B., of [Insert place of abode and occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare,—

1. That I am of the age of eighteen years and upwards;

2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Acts 1877 Amendment Act, 1883," am tendering for the purchase [or is desirous of becoming the transferee or sub-lessee] of a lease of [*Here specify land*];

3. That I am purchasing such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person whomsoever;

4. That I am not already the holder of any lease under this Act, nor have I any interest in any such lease;

5. That I am not, directly or indirectly, either by myself or jointly with any other person or persons,—

(1.) Owner of any freehold lands anywhere in the colony to an area, inclusive of the lands comprised in the lease I am now tendering for, exceeding in the whole five thousand six hundred and forty acres;

(2.) Occupier under lease or license from the Crown, with a right to purchase or otherwise acquire the freehold of, any lands to an area, inclusive of all freehold lands I may otherwise possess anywhere in the colony, and inclusive also of the lands comprised in the lease I am now tendering for, exceeding in the whole five thousand six hundred and forty acres:

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

A.B.

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____,
18____, before me,

Justice of the Peace.