

Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.

LAND DRAINAGE AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Land Drainage Act, 1893."

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 Drainage Amendment Act, 1894." It shall be read together with "The Land Drainage Act, 1893" (herein referred to as "the said Act").

Short Title.

2. The said Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Principal Act amended.

10 **(1.)** Section ten: After the words "Post-office," there shall be inserted "or if there be no such Court or Post-office, at some other public office, or elsewhere in the most accessible place."

(2.) Section nineteen: The following subsections are hereby added to the section:—

15 **(8.)** The Board may, without any previous agreement with the owner or occupier of any land within the district, upon giving twenty-four hours' notice, enter upon any such lands, whether the same be Crown lands or not, and take levels of the same.

20 **(9.)** The Board may, in the making, widening, deepening, cleansing, or repairing of any drain or ditch, remove the soil thereof, and place it on the bank on either side of such drain or ditch.

25 **(3.)** Section fifty-one: Subsection one shall be repealed, and the following substituted: "The accounts of the Board shall be audited by the Audit Office." Subsection two, the word "January" shall be omitted, and "April" substituted; and the word "December" shall be omitted, and "March" substituted.

Board may join with Boards of other districts or persons in making contracts.

3. The Board may join with the Board of any one or more districts in contracting with any person for the execution of any works, the construction of which will be either wholly or partially within or without its district, which, in the opinion of the Board, will be beneficial to the ratepayers of its district; or, in case there is no Board in the adjacent locality, the Board may contract with any person for the execution of any such works as last aforesaid; and such contract may provide for the apportionment of the cost of such works among the parties thereto in such proportions as shall be thought fair and equitable by the said parties.

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Section 289, Counties Act, continued in force as to works begun thereunder.

4. Notwithstanding the repeal by the said Act of section two hundred and eighty-nine of "The Counties Act, 1886," the said section shall be deemed to be in full force and effect for the purpose of completing and perfecting any works within any special district constituted by special order of any County Council under the authority of that section, and for levying, collecting, and recovering rates in respect of the said works within such special district until the completion of such works.

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Appointment of Assessors by private owners.

5. The Assessors, to sit with a Magistrate in cases of dispute between private owners, shall be appointed by the parties to such dispute, each of whom shall appoint one Assessor; and in case either of the said parties shall have failed to appoint an Assessor in his behalf when any case comes on for hearing before the Magistrate, such Magistrate may appoint an Assessor in behalf of the party so in default.

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The remuneration of such Assessors shall be paid by the parties appointing them.