Mr. Montgomery.

LAKE FORSYTH LANDS VESTING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title. 2. Lands to vest in Akaroa County Council. 3. Disposal of lands subject to the approval of Minister of Lands. 4. Council shall grant rights for railway purposes. 5. Native fishing rights not affected. Schedule.

A BILL INTITULED

An Acr to vest certain Lands at Lake Forsyth in the Akaroa County Council.

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Akaroa County Council to Preamble. 5 erect drainage works, by which the annually-recurring loss and injury caused by the flood-waters of Lake Forsyth may be prevented :

- And whereas by such works a considerable area of land now covered by water will be reclaimed :
- BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New 10 Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :---

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Lake Forsyth Lands Short Title. Vesting Act."

2. On the passing of this Act, the lands described in the Schedule Lands to vest in 15 hereto shall vest in the Akaroa County Council (hereinafter referred Akaroa County Council. to as "the Council").

3. The Council may sell, let, or otherwise dispose of such por- Disposed of lands tions of the said lands as may be reclaimed, either in whole or part, subject to the and on such conditions as may be approved of by the then existing of Lands. 20 Minister of Lands.

4. The Council shall grant to Her Majesty the Queen such Council shall grant rights over the said lands as may be necessary or desirable for railway purposes. purposes.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to prejudice Native fishing 25 or affect any Native fishing rights which may or may not be in rights not affected. existence at the time of the passing thereof.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that land, the property of Her Majesty the Queen, now covered, abutting on, or periodically covered by the waters of Lake Forsyth, which has not hitherto been alineated from the Crown, or set aside as a reserve for the Natives, for educational or for railway purposes, being about 2,500 acres, more or less, situate in the Little River Riding of the Akaroa County, and as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan deposited herewith.

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Title.

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