

Hon. Mr. McLeod.

## LAND LAWS AMENDMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Crown and other Lands.

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

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1925.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section one hundred and ninety-two of the Land Act, 1924, the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, extend for a period, not exceeding seven years, the term of any license granted under section one hundred and  
10 fifty-two of the Land Act, 1892, the term of which is due to expire at any time not later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

(2.) Where any license granted under section one hundred and fifty-two of the Land Act, 1892, has expired before the passing of this  
15 Act (whether before or after the commencement of the Land Act, 1924), then, if the licensee has continued in possession of the land comprised in the license, and has not exercised his right of purchase or has not accepted a lease in perpetuity or a renewable lease of the land comprised in his license, the term of the original license may be  
20 extended under the *last preceding* subsection as if it had not expired.

(3.) On receipt of a certificate under the hand of the Commissioner setting forth particulars of any extension of a license granted pursuant to this section the District Land Registrar shall endorse on the license a memorial of such certificate.

25 3. Section fifty-three of the Land Act, 1924, is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By omitting from subsection one the words "may necessarily be absent from his residence for," and substituting the words "is engaged in respect of"; and

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(b.) By omitting from subsection two the words "Such payments for attending any meeting of the Board shall be made only in the case of members residing at a distance exceeding three miles from the place of meeting, and"; and by adding to the same subsection the words "and no payment under this section shall be made to any person employed in the service of the Crown." 5

Modification of provisions as to grant of flax leases.

4. (1.) Leases for any of the purposes mentioned in section three hundred and fifty-three of the Land Act, 1924, may, with the approval of the Minister, be disposed of without auction, either by tender or by private contract, but otherwise subject to the provisions of that section. 10

(2.) The said section three hundred and fifty-three of the Land Act, 1924, and this section shall apply with respect to lands subject to the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908, and section eight of that Act is hereby accordingly repealed. 15

Provision for extension of leases of grazing-farms in Cheviot Estate held by discharged soldiers.

5. Section seven of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act, 1924, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "settlement land" in subsection one, the words "or of a grazing-farm in the Cheviot Estate." 20