

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
11th November, 1927.*

Hon. Sir Maui Pomare.

LOCAL LEGISLATION.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

Title. AN ACT to confer certain Powers on certain Public Bodies and to validate certain Transactions,

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:— 5

Short Title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Local Legislation Act, 1927.

County Councils.

Authorizing Manukau County Council to pay for certain lands acquired in connection with Tironui Railway-station site.

2. Whereas the Manukau County Council (hereinafter called the said Council), in pursuance of a special order passed on the sixteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, in terms of paragraph (e) of section sixteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, has raised a special loan of one thousand and fifty pounds for the purpose of purchasing land, fencing, surveying, legalization, draining, and constructing roads and footpaths to give access from the Great South Road and the Valley Road to the proposed Tironui Railway-station in 15

the Papakura Riding of the said county: And whereas the said Council had agreed and intended out of the said loan-moneys to pay to the respective owners the sum of one hundred pounds an acre for all lands required for the site of the said proposed Tironui Railway-station and the roadway giving access thereto: And whereas such lands so required have been taken by the Crown for railway purposes under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, and doubts have arisen as to the powers of the said Council to pay therefor as agreed: And whereas the sum of twenty-three pounds seven shillings expenses of survey in connection with the said site and access have been incurred, and doubts have arisen as to the powers of the Council to pay the same out of the said loan-moneys: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The said Council is hereby authorized and empowered out of the said loan-moneys to pay to the respective owners or other the persons equitably entitled thereto the sum of one hundred pounds an acre for all lands taken or required to be taken in connection with the site of the Tironui Railway-station and the roadway giving access thereto, and also out of the said loan-moneys to pay the sum of twenty-three pounds seven shillings in respect of preliminary survey charges incurred in connection therewith.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, or in any Order in Council or in any title issued to the Corporation of the County of Matamata, with respect to the gravel reserves, being respectively Lot 1 of Section 3, Block II, Patatere North Survey District (Mangapouri Settlement), having an area of 7 acres 1 rood, more or less, and that part of Section 9, Block IX, Cambridge Survey District, comprised in certificate of title, Volume 91, folio 163, Auckland Registry, and having an area of 4 acres, more or less, the said Corporation of the County of Matamata shall have and may exercise with respect to each of such reserves or any part thereof all the powers conferred on County Councils by section one hundred and fifty-two of the Counties Act, 1920.

Conferring on Matamata County Council certain powers with respect to a gravel reserve.

(2) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Auckland is hereby empowered and directed to make such endorsements or memorials on Crown grants or certificates of title as may be rendered necessary by the provisions of this section.

4. Whereas the Uawa County Council was, by a poll taken on the twenty-sixth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty, under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, duly authorized by the ratepayers of the said county to raise a loan of one hundred and four thousand four hundred and fifty-five pounds for the purposes set out in the proposals submitted to the ratepayers: And whereas by the said proposals the sum of sixteen thousand pounds was allocated for the renewal and erection of bridges and the sum of eight thousand three hundred pounds was allocated for the purchase of roadmaking machinery and motor-lorries: And whereas the said Council expended on the renewal and erection of bridges the sum of two hundred and seventy-six pounds seven shillings and ninepence in excess of the amount so authorized by the said proposals for those purposes: And whereas the said Council expended on the purchase of roadmaking machinery and motor-lorries the sum of nine thousand four hundred and twenty-eight pounds seven shillings and elevenpence in excess of the amount so authorized by the said proposals for those purposes: And whereas the expenditure of the said amount for the purchase of roadmaking machinery and motor-lorries was necessary for the purpose of enabling

Validating expenditure of loan-moneys by the Uawa County Council.

the said Council to carry out expeditiously and economically the formation, metalling, and tar-sealing of roads authorized by the said proposals: And whereas the expenditure of the said amounts of two hundred and seventy-six pounds seven shillings and ninepence and nine thousand four hundred and twenty-eight pounds seven shillings and elevenpence respectively in excess of the amounts authorized by the said proposals is deemed to be unlawful: And whereas it is desired to validate such expenditure: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The said payments made by the said Council out of the said loan-moneys for the renewal and erection of bridges and for the purchase of roadmaking machinery and motor-lorries in excess of the amounts authorized by the said loan proposals to be raised for these purposes are hereby validated.

Validating expenditure by Castlepoint County Council of certain loan-moneys borrowed for workers' dwellings, and empowering Council to recoup General Account.

5. Whereas the Castlepoint County Council proceeded by way of special order to raise a loan of two thousand pounds for the purpose of erecting a roadman's cottage, and of altering, enlarging, repairing, and improving existing workers' dwellings, and of supplying the same with requisite fittings and conveniences: And whereas the existing workers' dwellings included an overseer's cottage: And whereas subsequent to the passing of the said special order it was decided that the Council instead of altering, enlarging, repairing, or improving the existing overseer's cottage would erect adjacent thereto a new cottage for the use of the overseer, and supply such cottage with the requisite fittings and conveniences: And whereas the said sum of two thousand pounds was found to be sufficient for the purposes of the whole of such works: And whereas it is desired to make provision in manner hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) The expenditure by the Castlepoint County Council, in the erection of a new overseer's cottage and the supplying of such cottage with the requisite fittings and conveniences, of any moneys borrowed as hereinbefore recited for the purpose of altering, enlarging, repairing, and improving existing workers' dwellings is hereby validated.

(2) The said Council is hereby empowered to refund to its County Fund Account, out of the proceeds of the said loan, an amount not exceeding six hundred and ninety-four pounds seven shillings and three pence in respect of moneys advanced from that account for the erection of such overseer's cottage.

Varying purposes of expenditure of certain loan raised by Weber County Council.

6. Whereas the Weber County Council, being duly authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the twenty-seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifteen, raised a special loan of ten thousand pounds under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the carrying-out of certain works in various ridings in the Weber County: And whereas in the loan proposal as approved by the ratepayers the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds was allocated for expenditure on the Te Awaputahi Bridle Track, in the Wimbledon Riding of the said county: And whereas work on the said track was abandoned after a sum of thirty pounds had been expended: And whereas it is desired to expend the balance of the said sum of four hundred and eighty pounds on Birch Road, in the said Riding: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or in any other Act, it shall be lawful for the Weber County Council, out of the loan-moneys raised for the Te Awaputahi Bridle Track, to expend the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds, being

the balance aforesaid, on Birch Road, in the Wimbledon Riding of the County of Weber.

7. Whereas the Oroua County Council, on the twenty-second day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, duly raised, under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, a loan of ten thousand pounds from the Public Trustee for highway-construction work in the County of Oroua: And whereas the total amount so raised is not now required for the said work, and the said Council is desirous of diverting and applying five thousand pounds of such loan for the purposes hereinafter mentioned: And whereas it is expedient so to authorize the said Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Authorizing diversion of portion of loan by Oroua County Council.

The Oroua County Council is hereby authorized to divert and apply five thousand pounds of the said loan of ten thousand pounds raised from the Public Trustee as hereinbefore mentioned towards the construction or reconstruction of bridges in the said county other than bridges the cost of construction or reconstruction of which is properly a charge against any riding account.

8. Whereas by an Order in Council dated the seventeenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and published in the *Gazette* of the twenty-seventh day of that month, the control of Reserve 4103, Block VIII, Selwyn Survey District, in the Canterbury Land District, a reserve for a site for a public library, was vested in a Board by the name of the Dunsandel Public Library Board in pursuance of section two of the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Act, 1914: And whereas by an Order in Council dated the twentieth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in the *Gazette* of the thirteenth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the appointment of the said Board was revoked: And whereas by an Order in Council dated the tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and published in the *Gazette* of the thirteenth day of that month, the said reserve was vested in the Corporation of the County of Selwyn in trust as a site for a public library: And whereas a public hall and library is erected on the said reserve, and for many years has been used by and for the benefit of the inhabitants of an area comprising parts of the Counties of Selwyn and Ellesmere: And whereas the said reserve as such is not of sufficient area for the purpose for which it was set aside and the building on it is old and unsuitable, and it is desirable that a more suitable piece of land as hereinafter described should be acquired as a site for a public hall and library for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the said area, and that a new public hall and library should be erected thereon, and that the said reserve should continue to be used in conjunction with the said piece of land so to be acquired: And whereas it is desirable that a joint special loan should be raised by the Selwyn and Ellesmere County Councils for the purpose of acquiring the said piece of land and the erection of a public hall and library thereon, and that the said loan should be secured by a special rate over all the rateable property within the said parts of the said Counties: And whereas it is desirable to empower the Selwyn County Council to remove, sell, or otherwise dispose of the existing public hall and library on the said reserve, and to apply any moneys derived from any such sale towards the erection of the public hall and library on the said piece of land: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Empowering Selwyn and Ellesmere County Councils to raise a loan for acquiring land and erecting public hall and library at Dunsandel.

(1) The Selwyn County Council and the Ellesmere County Council are hereby empowered to raise a joint special loan, not exceeding one thousand pounds, for the purpose of acquiring the piece of land described in subsection *eight* hereof (hereinafter referred to as the said piece of land) and of erecting thereon a public hall and library for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the parts of the said counties described in subsection *seven* hereof. 5

(2) The joint special loan hereby authorized shall be raised in the same manner as a joint special loan authorized under Part II of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, and the provisions of that Part shall apply accordingly. For the purposes of the said Part II the Selwyn County Council shall be deemed to be the principal local authority, but in lieu of distributing the principal moneys of the loan in the manner provided by paragraph (*h*) of section sixty-four of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, the Selwyn County Council shall itself apply them to the purposes for which the joint special loan is authorized to be raised. 10 15

(3) The said piece of land when purchased shall vest in the Corporation of the County of Selwyn as a site for a public hall and library upon trust for the benefit and use of the inhabitants of the said parts of the Counties of Selwyn and Ellesmere. The District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of Canterbury shall note such trust upon the certificate of title for the said piece of land and upon the appropriate folium of the register. 20

(4) The Selwyn County Council is hereby empowered to remove and sell, by public auction or tender, the buildings now being on the said Reserve No. 4103, and to apply and expend the net proceeds of any such sale in or towards the public hall and library to be erected on the said piece of land. 25

(5) The said Reserve No. 4103 shall remain vested in the Selwyn County Council as a site for a public hall and library, and shall be used in conjunction with the said piece of land for the purposes of the public hall and library to be erected thereon and for the convenience of the inhabitants of the said parts of the said counties respectively frequenting the same. 30

(6) Any moneys received by the Selwyn County Council from the Dunsandel Public Library Board may be applied by that Council in or towards the erection of the public hall and library on the said piece of land. 35

(7) The parts of the Selwyn and Ellesmere Counties respectively to which this section relates are particularly described as follows:— 40

All that area of land in the Canterbury Land District being part of the Ellesmere County situate in the Selwyn and Leeston Survey Districts (as shown coloured green on plan marked I.A. 19/174/31, and deposited in the Department of Internal Affairs at Wellington), the boundaries of which are as follows: commencing at the point of intersection of the centre-line of the Main South Railway with the centre-line of the River Selwyn; thence south-easterly along the centre-line of the River Selwyn to a point in line with the eastern boundary of R.S. 3780; thence southerly along the said line to the north-eastern corner of R.S. 3780; thence southerly along the eastern boundaries of R.S. 3780, 9741, 12923 to the Selwyn and Lake Road; thence south-westerly along the south-eastern boundaries of R.S. 4494, 5757, to the River Irwell; 45 50

thence north-westerly along the River Irwell to the south-eastern boundary of R.S. 34423; thence south-westerly along the south-eastern boundary of R.S. 34423 to the Boundary Creek Road; thence westerly along Boundary Creek Road to Watson's Road; thence
5 south-westerly along Watson's Road to the southern boundary of R.S. 4292; thence westerly along the south-western boundaries of R.S. 4292, 3657; thence south-westerly along the south-eastern boundaries of R.S. 3117, 3119, 6258, and Reserve 715 to the Dunsandel and Brookside Road; thence south-easterly along the
10 Dunsandel and Brookside Road to Sanderson's Road; thence south-westerly along Sanderson's Road to the south-western boundary of R.S. 9844, 9979; thence north-westerly along the south-western boundary of R.S. 9844, 9979, to the south-eastern boundary of R.S. 9695; thence along the south-east boundary of R.S. 9695 to the
15 Lower Killinchy Road; thence north-west along the Lower Killinchy Road to the Main Dunsandel Road; thence southerly along the Main Dunsandel Road to the north-western boundary of R.S. 14026; thence south-westerly along the north-western boundary of R.S. 14026; thence south-easterly along the south-western boundaries of R.S. 14026, 14025;
20 thence south-westerly along the south-eastern boundary of R.S. 14319 to the road forming the south-western boundary of R.S. 14319; thence southerly along the said road to the south-eastern boundary of R.S. 15367; thence south-westerly along the south-eastern boundary of R.S. 15367 to the road forming the south-western boundary of R.S. 15367;
25 thence north-westerly along the said road to the southern boundary of R.S. 26040; thence westerly along the southern boundary of R.S. 26040 to the road forming the western boundary of R.S. 26040; thence southerly along the said road to the road forming the south-western boundary of R.S. 33516; thence north-westerly along the said road to
30 the centre-line of the Main South Railway; thence north-easterly along the centre-line of the Main South Railway to the commencing-point: Also all that area of land in the Canterbury Land District being part of the Selwyn County situate in the Hawkins, Selwyn, and Leeston Survey Districts (as shown coloured pink on plan marked I.A. 19/174/31, and
35 deposited in the Department of Internal Affairs at Wellington), the boundaries of which are as follows: commencing at a point on the centre-line of the River Selwyn, the said point being in line with the north-western boundary of R.S. 4249; thence to the north-western corner of R.S. 4249; thence south-westerly along the north-western
40 boundary of the said section to the Hororata River; thence south-easterly along the Hororata River to its intersection with Sheat's Road; thence south-westerly along Sheat's Road to the Dunsandel Road; thence easterly along the Dunsandel Road to its intersection with the Two-chain Road; thence southerly along the Two-chain Road to its
45 intersection with Wright's Road; thence south-easterly along Wright's Road to its intersection with the Main South Road; thence south-westerly along the Main South Road to its intersection with a road forming the south-western boundary of Reserve 2287 and R.S. 9281; thence south-easterly along the said road to the centre-line of the Main
50 South Railway; thence north-easterly along the centre-line of the Main South Railway to the centre-line of the River Selwyn; thence north-westerly along the centre-line of the River Selwyn to the commencing-point.

(8) The piece of land authorized to be purchased as aforesaid is particularly described as follows:—

All that parcel of land situated in Block VIII of the Selwyn Survey District having frontage on Station and Dunsandel Roads, containing by admeasurement two roods and two-fifths of a perch, more or less, and being the lots numbered 1, 2, and 3 on a plan deposited in the Land Transfer Office, at Christchurch, as Number 7792, and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 381, folio 97. 5

Authorizing
Ashburton
County Council
to prepare and
publish jubilee
booklet.

9. The Ashburton County Council is hereby authorized to expend out of its ordinary funds an amount not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds on the preparation and publication of a commemorative booklet in connection with the jubilee of the County of Ashburton. 10

As to overdraft
authority of
Peninsula County
Council.

10. (1) The authority conferred on the Minister of Internal Affairs by subsection five of section three of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921-1922, to fix the limits of the power to borrow by way of bank overdraft in the case of local authorities constituted after the commencement of that Act is hereby extended so as to enable that Minister to fix the limits of the power of the Peninsula County Council to borrow by way of bank overdraft until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight. 15 20

(2) In the case of the said County Council the limits imposed by subsection two of the aforesaid section three shall not apply with respect to any year prior to the year beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

Validating loan of
£700 by Maniototo
County Council,
and authorizing
refund to General
Account.

11. Whereas in pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-two of the Health Act, 1920, the Board of Health in June, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, did, by requisition in writing under the seal of the Board, require the Maniototo County Council to carry out certain drainage works in a portion of the township of Ranfurly in the County of Maniototo: And whereas in compliance with a request received from ratepayers in the area affected, and whilst the said works were being carried out, the Council extended the said drainage works into an area beyond that required by the requisition of the Board of Health: And whereas the cost of such works was paid out of the General Account of the said Council: And whereas in pursuance of an authority conferred pursuant to paragraph (e) of section sixteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the Council took steps to raise a loan of seven hundred pounds for the purpose of recouping its General Account in respect of the payment thereof of such cost, and to pledge as security therefor a special rate over the portion of the Maniototo County hereinafter in this section defined: And whereas there is no lawful authority to raise a loan for such purpose: Be it therefore enacted as follows:— 25 30 35 40

(1) The Maniototo County Council is hereby authorized to raise, under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, but by special order and without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of that Act, a special loan of seven hundred pounds, and may pay the proceeds of such loan to its General Account for the purpose of recouping to that account the amount paid for the drainage works in the area referred to in the *next succeeding* subsection. 45

(2) The said Council is hereby authorized to pledge as security for the said loan a special rate over that portion of the County of Maniototo comprising all that area contained in Block XI, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, Block X, Ranfurly Township, in the Riding of Mount Ida. 50

12. The expenditure by the County Councils of the Counties of Maniototo, Taieri, Tuapeka, and Vincent during the year ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, of the sums of sixty-five pounds, fifty-two pounds ten shillings, eighteen pounds
 5 eighteen shillings and ninepence, and seventy-eight pounds eight shillings and sixpence respectively, in respect of the celebration of the jubilee of the said counties is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

Validating expenditure by certain County Councils to celebrate the jubilee of certain counties.

City and Borough Councils.

10 13. Whereas the Whangarei Borough Council, by special resolution dated the fifth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, authorized the raising of a loan of four thousand pounds for the purpose of providing for the relief of unemployment by the carrying-out of road-construction works : And whereas it is desirable to vary the purposes for which the
 15 said loan may be expended : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

Varying purposes of expenditure of loan of £4,000 raised by Whangarei Borough Council for unemployment relief.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or in any other Act, it shall be lawful for the Whangarei Borough Council to expend any portion of the said loan of four thousand pounds for the purpose of constructing footpaths and culverts and making
 20 alterations to bridge-approaches.

14. The payment by the Auckland City Council of the sum of six hundred pounds out of the General Account in the District Fund of the Council, being the cost of a full-page advertisement in the supplement to the *Times* newspaper published in London simultaneously
 25 with the arrival in New Zealand of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

Validating payment by Auckland City Council of cost of advertising in the supplement to London *Times*.

15. Whereas William Charles Rolfe and Margaret Rolfe, of Devonport, being seized of an estate in fee simple in that parcel of land
 30 containing sixteen perches, more or less, being Lots 87 and 88 on a plan deposited in the Land Transfer Office, at Auckland, under No. 1055, being part of Allotment 32 of Section 2, Parish of Takapuna, and the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 119, folio 173, of the register-books of the District Land Registrar, at Auckland, are
 35 desirous of vesting the same in the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport as a public reserve for the use and recreation of the inhabitants of Devonport, but subject to the condition regarding the erection of fencing hereinafter set forth : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

Authorizing Devonport Borough Council to accept a gift of a piece of land, and imposing restriction as to fencing.

(1) It shall be lawful for the Devonport Borough Council, on behalf
 40 of the Corporation of the said borough, to accept a transfer of the land hereinbefore described, to be held as a public reserve as aforesaid.

(2) No fence shall at any time hereafter during the lives of the donors, or the survivor of them, be erected upon the said land which
 45 might in any way obstruct the view from the property of the donors immediately opposite the said Lots 87 and 88, being parts of Lots 122 and 123 on deposited plan No. 2820, of Allotment 31, Section 2, Parish of Takapuna, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 433, folio 264.

16. Whereas by section one hundred and one of the Reserves and
 50 other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925, the Hamilton Borough Council was empowered to purchase a certain piece of land, being part of Allotment 24 of the Parish of Te Rapa, and to

Authorizing Hamilton Borough Council to contribute £1,000 towards the erection of a maternity home.

convey the same to the Waikato Hospital Board as a site for a maternity home : And whereas it has been agreed by and between the said Council and the said Board that a maternity home shall be established and maintained on land now vested in the said Board, and that the said Council shall pay to the said Board the sum of one thousand pounds in lieu of purchasing and conveying to it the aforesaid piece of land : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

(1) The Hamilton Borough Council is hereby authorized and empowered to pay to the Waikato Hospital Board the sum of one thousand pounds out of the District Fund of the Borough of Hamilton, and such sum of one thousand pounds shall be expended by the said Board in or towards establishing and maintaining a maternity home on the land vested in it, being part of Allotment 25 of the Parish of Te Rapa.

Repeal.

(2) Section one hundred and one of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925, is hereby repealed.

Authorizing
Wanganui City
Council to grant
a lease of certain
lands to the
Wanganui
Education Board.

17. Whereas the Corporation of the City of Wanganui (hereinafter referred to as the Wanganui Corporation) is the owner of the piece or parcel of land hereinafter described : And whereas the Wanganui Technical School Board has requested the Wanganui City Council to lease the said piece or parcel of land as a site for the erection of a hostel, to be used in connection with the Wanganui Technical College and for playing-grounds for the term, at the rent, and upon the conditions hereinafter appearing, which the Wanganui City Council has agreed to do : And whereas it is desirable that such lease should be granted for the purposes aforesaid : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

(1) The Wanganui City Council is hereby empowered, on behalf of the Wanganui Corporation (and that notwithstanding the provisions relating to the granting of leases by municipal corporations as provided in Part XVIII of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920) to grant a lease in perpetuity to the Education Board of the District of Wanganui of all that piece or parcel of land hereinafter described at a yearly rental of fifteen pounds, payable by equal half-yearly payments.

(2) Such lease shall contain an express provision that no rates, taxes, or other outgoings will during the continuance of the term be made, imposed, or levied by the Wanganui City Council in respect of the said lands.

(3) Such lease shall also contain a covenant by the said Education Board to keep and use the said lands and all buildings erected thereon for the purposes of a hostel to be used in connection with the Wanganui Technical College and for playing-grounds, and no covenants shall be implied in such lease on the part of the said Education Board save a covenant to keep the said premises and buildings thereon in good and substantial repair, order, and condition.

(4) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows :—

All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement six acres and eight and one-tenth perches, being part of Blocks XVIII, XIX, and XX of the Town Belt Reserve, City of Wanganui, and bounded as follows : commencing at a point on the southern boundary of Purnell Street, 800.4 links west of the intersection of the said southern boundary of Purnell Street and the north-western boundary of Jackson Street ; thence south-westerly by a straight line having a true bearing

of 214° 37' for a distance of 1,162·67 links ; thence westerly by a straight line having a bearing of 264° 49' for a distance of 54·5 links ; thence south-westerly by a straight line having a bearing of 214° 37' for a distance of 305·1 links ; thence north-westerly by a straight line
 5 having a bearing of 315° 2' for a distance of 426·31 links ; thence north-easterly by a straight line having a bearing of 34° 32' for a distance of 1,168·98 links to a point on the said southern boundary of Purnell Street ; thence along the southern boundary for a distance of 528·81 links to the starting-point.

10 (3) This section is in substitution for section twenty-nine of the Local Legislation Act, 1926, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed. Repeal.

15 18. Whereas on the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, the Corporation of the City of Wanganui (hereinafter called the Corporation) agreed with the Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited (hereinafter called the Bank) to lease for a term of twenty-one years, from and inclusive of the nineteenth day of October nineteen hundred and twenty-five, at a yearly rental during the first ten years
 20 of one hundred and eighty-two pounds, and during the last eleven years at a yearly rental to be fixed by a valuation to be made by two independent persons, one to be appointed by the Corporation and one by the bank, or some independent person to be appointed by such valuers, all that piece of land situate in the Provincial District of Wellington, containing 20 perches, more or less being part of Section 195,
 25 on the public map of the City of Wanganui, and the whole of the land in certificate of title, Register-book, Volume 75, folio 207, for the purposes of a ladies' rest : And whereas the Corporation has been in possession of the said lands since the said nineteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-five : And whereas on the fourth day of
 30 October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, a proper lease of the said lands and premises was executed by the parties : And whereas the premises are not suitable for and are not used by the Corporation for the purposes aforesaid : And whereas the Corporation is desirous of disposing of the lease of the said lands and premises by assignment or
 35 under-lease : And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Corporation to accept the said lease or dispose of the same : And whereas it is expedient that the action of the Corporation should be validated and power given to dispose of the said lease : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

Validating lease of certain land to Wanganui City Corporation, and authorizing Council to dispose of lease.

40 (1) The said memorandum of lease of the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, from the Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, to the Corporation of the City of Wanganui, herein referred to, and every clause and article therein contained, is hereby validated and confirmed.

45 (2) The Corporation may assign, underlet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the said lease of the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and the lands therein described at such price or rent, and upon such terms and conditions, as the Council of the Corporation shall by resolution determine without taking any of the steps required
 50 by section one hundred and fifty-five of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

Validating certain transactions by Wanganui City Council in respect of Wanganui Abattoirs, and authorizing lease of lands.

19. Whereas the Wanganui Harbour Board (hereinafter called the Board) by memorandum of lease dated the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, leased to the Corporation of the City of Wanganui (hereinafter called the Corporation) certain lands at Castlecliff, containing one acre three roods twenty-six and seven-tenths perches, more or less, being parts of Sections 103 and 104, Block V, Westmere Survey District, and part of the lands in certificates of title, Volume 63, folio 136, and Volume 228, folio 127, for a term of eight years from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, with the rights of renewal therein contained at a rental of one hundred pounds per annum, such lands to be used for the purposes of a public abattoir: And whereas by deed of covenant dated the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and made between the Corporation of the one part and the Board of the other part, the Corporation agreed to pay to the Board the sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds, portion of a sum of forty thousand pounds which the Board was authorized to borrow in connection with the establishment of freezing works and cool chambers on the lands aforesaid pursuant to the Wanganui Harbour District and Empowering Amendment Act, 1926: And whereas by deed of delegation dated the twenty-first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the Wanganui City Council delegated to the Wanganui Abattoir Company, Limited (hereinafter called the company) the right to establish an abattoir on the said lands and maintain the same for the purposes of the City of Wanganui pursuant to the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908: And whereas the company, in terms of such delegation, established an abattoir on part of the said lands: And whereas for the purposes of the said abattoir the Corporation, by memorandum of sublease dated the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, leased to the company portion of the said lands containing one acre and thirty-six perches, more or less, being part of Section numbered 103, deposited plan number 264, Town of Castlecliff, being part Lot H, Right Bank Wanganui River, Block V, Westmere Survey District, and part of the land in certificates of title, Volume 63, folio 136, and Volume 228, folio 127, for the term of five years from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, with the right of renewal therein contained, at the weekly rental of eighteen pounds for the purposes of a public abattoir: And whereas portion of the said lands comprised in the said memorandum of lease remain in the Corporation, and it is expedient that the Corporation should be authorized to lease the same and that the hereinbefore-in-part recited memorandum of lease, deed of covenant, and memorandum of sublease should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) The said memorandum of lease of the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the said deed of covenant of the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and the said memorandum of sublease of the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and every clause and article therein contained are hereby validated and confirmed.

(2) The Corporation may, without taking the steps required by section one hundred and fifty-five of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, grant a lease or leases of the balance of the said lands in the said

memorandum of lease of the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, described, for such term, at such rent, and upon such terms and conditions as the Council of the Corporation may, by resolution, determine.

5 20. Whereas the Corporation of the Borough of Palmerston North is the registered proprietor of, firstly, that parcel of land situate in the said Borough of Palmerston North, being part of Section 103 and Section 104, Palmerston North, having a frontage of sixty-six feet to Princess Street by a depth of one hundred and ten feet, and being part
10 of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 147, folio 152, Wellington Registry, and, secondly, that parcel of land situate in the said Borough of Palmerston North, being part of Section 103, Palmerston North, having a frontage of sixty-six feet to King Street by a depth of sixty-six feet, and being the other part of the land comprised in
15 certificate of title, Volume 147, folio 152, Wellington Registry: And whereas the said Corporation desires to transfer by way of gift the parcel of land firstly hereinbefore described to the Governors of the Palmerston North High School for educational purposes, and to transfer by way of gift, or to lease at a nominal rental for any number of years, the parcel
20 of land secondly hereinbefore described to the Royal New Zealand Society for the Health of Women and Children, Incorporated (hereinafter called the society), for the purposes of the society: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Authorizing
Palmerston North
Borough Council to
transfer certain
lands to Palmerston
North High School
Board and to Royal
New Zealand
Society for the
Health of Women
and Children.

(1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation to transfer and assure by
25 way of gift the parcel of land firstly hereinbefore described to the Governors of the Palmerston North High School for educational purposes, and to transfer and assure by way of gift, or to lease for any number of years at a nominal rental, the parcel of land secondly hereinbefore described to the society for the purposes of the society.

(2) It shall be lawful for the Corporation to impose and include
30 in any transfer of the land secondly described such terms and conditions as it shall deem reasonable, and particularly the following:—

(a) That if the society shall at any time cease to carry on in
35 Palmerston North the work for which it was founded and incorporated then the said land shall, with all buildings and improvements thereon, be revested in the Corporation, and the society, its successors, or assigns, shall execute all necessary documents for effecting such revesting.

(b) The society shall be entitled to raise money on first mortgage
40 of the land sufficient to enable it to erect a building on the said land for the purposes of the society, and shall apply all moneys so raised for such purpose only.

(c) The society shall repay within seven years all moneys so raised
45 as aforesaid, and shall not be entitled to again mortgage, charge, or encumber the said land.

(d) If the society shall at any time hereafter make default under
50 the said first mortgage, and the mortgagee shall become entitled to exercise the power of sale in such mortgage, the society shall, if called upon by the Corporation, transfer the said piece of land to the Corporation subject to the said mortgage.

(3) Any lease of the piece of land secondly described shall contain such covenants, conditions, and agreements as the Corporation thinks fit.

Validating certain expenditure by Palmerston North Borough Council in connection with jubilee celebrations.

21. Whereas the Palmerston North Borough Council (hereinafter called the Council) lately authorized certain celebrations to commemorate on the first, second, third, and fourth days of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the jubilee of the constitution of the Borough of Palmerston North, and incurred in connection therewith certain liabilities: And whereas the Council received on account of the expenses of such celebrations certain moneys from public subscriptions: And whereas such moneys proved insufficient to satisfy the whole of such liabilities, and it is desirable to authorize the Council to pay out of its District Fund the amount required over and above the amount of such public subscriptions, and to validate the action of the Council in incurring such liabilities: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) The action of the Council in authorizing the said celebrations and incurring the said liabilities is hereby validated.

(2) The Council is hereby authorized to apply the said public subscriptions, and also to pay out of the General Account of the District Fund of the said Borough a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, for the purpose of satisfying such liabilities.

Empowering Masterton Borough Council to write off the sum of £722 17s. 9d.

22. Whereas the sum of seven hundred and twenty-two pounds seventeen shillings and ninepence was misappropriated in the year nineteen hundred and twenty by an executive officer of the Masterton Borough Council (employed in the dual capacity of Town Clerk and Borough Engineer) from drainage loan-moneys belonging to the Corporation of the Borough of Masterton: And whereas such sum represented an administrative loss and, as such, should be debited to the District Fund with consequent refund to the Loan Account: And whereas the drainage-works for which the said loan was raised have been completed, and the only effect of making such a refund as aforesaid would be to transfer the sum of seven hundred and twenty-two pounds seventeen shillings and ninepence to the sinking fund of the said loan: And whereas it is deemed expedient to empower the Masterton Borough Council to write off the said sum of seven hundred and twenty-two pounds seventeen shillings and ninepence: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The Masterton Borough Council is hereby empowered to write off the said sum of seven hundred and twenty-two pounds seventeen shillings and ninepence.

Authorizing Carterton Borough Council to extinguish a liability in respect of the Clareville Cemetery.

23. Whereas by Order in Council dated the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in the *Gazette* of the eighth day of April then instant, the land described in the schedule to the said Order in Council became vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Carterton in trust as a site for a public cemetery: And whereas the prior trustees of the said land were indebted to the Bank of New Zealand for the sum of sixty-six pounds five shillings and twopence, and it is desirable to make provision for the said liability to be extinguished by the Carterton Borough Council: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The Carterton Borough Council is hereby authorized to pay out of its General Account the said sum of sixty-six pounds five shillings and twopence to the Bank of New Zealand.

24. (1) The expenditure by the Lower Hutt Borough Council during the financial year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of two several sums being, firstly, the sum of forty pounds nineteen shillings and one penny expended in respect of the maintenance and repair of and purchase of materials for a billiard-table used in the recreation-room of the Lower Hutt Fire Brigade Station and, secondly, the sum of thirty-four pounds four shillings and sixpence expended in respect of the maintenance of a portion of the disused Methodist Cemetery adjoining Bridge Street, in the Borough of Lower Hutt, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

Validating unauthorised expenditure incurred by Lower Hutt Borough Council during financial year, 1925-26.

(2) The said Council may in any year expend such sums as it thinks fit in maintaining the said cemetery.

25. Whereas the Nelson City Council was, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four, authorized by a poll of ratepayers to raise a special loan of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of erecting baths; And whereas in preparing the debentures for issue in connection with the said loan an error was inadvertently made whereby the total sum borrowed amounted to eight thousand eight hundred pounds, being fifty pounds in excess of the authorized amount: And whereas it is expedient that the borrowing of the said excess amount of fifty pounds should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Validating Nelson City Council Baths Loan of £8,800.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or in any other Act, the borrowing by the Nelson City Council of the said excess sum of fifty pounds and the payment of interest thereon is hereby validated and the said sum of fifty pounds is hereby declared to have been lawfully borrowed.

26. The expenditure by the Westport Borough Council during the financial year ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, of the sum of sixty-eight pounds eleven shillings and sevenpence in connection with the Westport Borough jubilee celebrations is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made.

Validating certain expenditure by the Westport Borough Council.

27. Whereas Ernest Neil Dodge, an infant now of the age of three years, met with an accident on the seventeenth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, whereby through a water-cart, the property of the Corporation of the City of Christchurch, running over him it became necessary to amputate one of his legs: And whereas the Council of the City of Christchurch, without admitting any liability in respect of such accident, is desirous of contributing a sum of money to be paid out of the District Fund and to be expended for the benefit of the said Ernest Neil Dodge: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Authorizing Christchurch City Council to make a payment in respect of accident to Ernest Neil Dodge.

The Christchurch City Council is hereby authorized to pay out of its District Fund the sum of three hundred pounds to trustees to be nominated, by resolution of the said Council, upon such trusts for the benefit of the said Ernest Neil Dodge as the said trustees, with the approval of the said City Council, by deed declare, and such payment shall be in satisfaction and extinction of the rights of action (if any) of or on behalf of the said Ernest Neil Dodge against the said Council in respect of such accident.

Provision for
expenditure of
surplus
sinking-fund
moneys of
Christchurch
drainage loan.

28. Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the City of Christchurch Loan Act, 1871, the Christchurch City Council did borrow and take up at interest, for the purpose of carrying-out certain permanent works and undertakings connected with the sewerage and drainage of the City of Christchurch as then constituted, the sum of thirty-five thousand pounds (hereinafter referred to as the Christchurch drainage loan) upon the security of a special rate on the rateable property within the said city as then constituted, and did issue debentures charged upon the said special rate to the lenders of the said sum of thirty-five thousand pounds, and did also establish a sinking fund to provide for repayment of the said loan at maturity in accordance with the terms of the said debentures: And whereas by the City of Christchurch Empowering Act, 1911, it was enacted that when the said sinking fund and accumulations in the hands of the Sinking Fund Commissioners appointed by the said city under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1886, should have accumulated to the sum of forty thousand pounds, the accumulation of the said fund should cease and all interest thereafter received by the said Commissioners in respect of the accumulated sinking fund should be paid and applied by the said Commissioners in or towards payment from time to time of the interest payable on the said debentures, and that it should not be obligatory on the Christchurch City Council to collect such special rate as aforesaid: And whereas the sinking fund in the hands of the said Sinking Fund Commissioners on the date mentioned in the said debentures for final repayment of the said loan—namely, on the fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six—amounted to forty-one thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds one shilling and eightpence: And whereas the said loan was on the said date paid off out of the said sinking fund by the said Commissioners, and there remained in the hands of the said Sinking Fund Commissioners a surplus sum of six thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds one shilling and eightpence, and that sum still remains in their hands, together with accumulations since that date: And whereas the Christchurch City Council is desirous of using the said surplus sum in aid of the sinking fund of another loan of the City of Christchurch (known as the destructor and sanitary-works loan) of eighteen thousand five hundred pounds, maturing on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty, and secured on the revenues as a whole of the Corporation of the City of Christchurch, subject to the municipal offices loan of six thousand pounds and interest thereon, and also on the refuse-destroying works and other subject-matter of the said loan and the profits thereon: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) It shall be lawful for the Christchurch City Council, by resolution, to direct the said Sinking Fund Commissioners of the said Christchurch Drainage Loan to pay, and the said Commissioners shall thereupon pay, the said sum of six thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds one shilling and eightpence, together with all accretions thereto which have accrued since the fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, to the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the said destructor and sanitary-works loan of eighteen thousand five hundred pounds.

(2) It shall be the duty of the last-named Commissioners to receive and thenceforth to hold the said sum of six thousand one hundred and eighty-three pounds one shilling and eightpence, and all such accretions thereto as shall be so paid over to them, and all subsequent accretions thereto, as part of the sinking fund of the said destructor and sanitary-works loan of eighteen thousand five hundred pounds and subject to the trusts under which they hold the said last-mentioned sinking fund.

29. Whereas the "unauthorized expenditure" by the Dunedin City Council for the year ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, amounted to six hundred and ninety-two pounds six shillings and sixpence in excess of the sum prescribed by section one hundred and twenty-one of the Public Revenues Act, 1910: And whereas the said excess expenditure was due to exceptional circumstances connected with the New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition held at Dunedin during the aforesaid period: And whereas it is desirable to validate the said excess expenditure: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Validating certain expenditure by Dunedin City Council in excess of "unauthorized."

The expenditure by the Dunedin City Council during the year ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, of the sum of six hundred and ninety-two pounds six shillings and sixpence in excess of the maximum amount authorized by section one hundred and twenty-one of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, to be expended for purposes not authorized by any Act or law is hereby validated.

Town Boards.

30. Whereas the Kamo Town Board is registered as proprietor of an estate in fee simple as a site for a public hall in all that parcel of land containing one acre, more or less, being Section 78 of the Village of Kamo, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, registered in Volume 399, folio 2, of the Register-book of the District Land Registrar at Auckland: And whereas the public hall that was erected on the said land was destroyed by fire on or about the twenty-second day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-three: And whereas the sum of five hundred pounds in respect of a policy of fire insurance received by the said Board on the destruction of the said hall as aforesaid is insufficient for the purpose of building a new hall: And whereas it is desirable that the said Board should sell the said hall-site and purchase other land for similar purposes: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Authorizing the Kamo Town Board to dispose of Section 78, Village of Kamo.

(1) The Kamo Town Board is hereby authorized to sell the said hall-site by public tender or private treaty in one or more lots at a price not less than the existing Government valuation.

(2) The said Board is further authorized to purchase such land as it may think fit for the erection of a hall and offices thereon and for recreation purposes, and to use the proceeds of the sale of the said hall-site and the said sum of five hundred pounds and accrued interest thereon now held by the Board for the purpose of purchasing, improving, and maintaining such land as aforesaid, and for the erection of a hall and offices thereon.

31. Whereas in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six the Papatoetoe Town Board, with the approval of the ratepayers, raised a special loan of four thousand five hundred pounds for the purchase of certain pieces of land for recreation and park area purposes: And

Authorizing the Papatoetoe Town Board to vary allocation of unexpended balance of a loan of £4,500.

whereas the purchase of the said land has been completed and an unexpended balance of loan-moneys amounting to four hundred and forty-four pounds remains to the credit of the loan account: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or any other Act, the Papatoetoe Town Board is hereby authorized to expend the said unexpended balance of four hundred and forty-four pounds on constructing access roads to, providing privy and shelter accommodation on, and otherwise improving the said land. 5

Authorizing
Johnsonville Town
Board to raise a
loan to redeem
certain debentures

32. Whereas the Johnsonville Town Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) was, by paragraph (a) of section thirty-nine of the Maori Land Claims Adjustment and Laws Amendment Act, 1907, empowered to issue certain debentures in payment for the purchase of the Johnsonville Recreation Reserve: And whereas the Board issued the said debentures, and on the maturity of the said debentures on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and seventeen, the Board was unable to redeem the said debentures, and by section forty-five of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1918, the Board was empowered to cancel the said debentures, and in lieu thereof to issue new debentures of equal value with those so cancelled: And whereas in exercise of the powers conferred upon the said Board by the last-mentioned Act the Board duly issued debentures for the purpose aforesaid maturing on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven: And whereas the sinking fund established by the Board for the purpose of redeeming the said debentures is insufficient for that purpose, and it is expedient to confer upon the Board power to issue new debentures for an amount equal to the difference between the said sinking fund and the amount of the debentures maturing on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:— 10 15 20 25 30

(1) The Board is hereby empowered to raise, under the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, but by resolution of the Board and without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of that Act, a special loan for an amount equal to the difference between the said sinking fund and the sum required to redeem the said debentures maturing on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven. 35

(2) The said loan shall be for a period not exceeding twenty years from the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven. 40

(3) For the purposes of providing for the repayment of such loan, under the provisions hereinbefore contained, on maturity thereof the Board shall establish a sinking fund of not less than three per centum per annum on the amount so borrowed by the Board. 45

(4) As security for the repayment of the said loan and for the payment of the annual and other charges in respect thereof, the Board shall make and levy a special rate over the whole of the rateable property in the Johnsonville Town District sufficient to meet the said charges. 50

33. Whereas it was enacted by section forty-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, that the Johnsonville Town Board should be exempt from rates levied by the Wellington City Council or the Makara County Council in respect of the land held by that Board as a catchment area for its water-supply: And whereas in the said section of the said Act the said catchment area was described incompletely and incorrectly as Section 93 and part of Section 94 of the Ohariu District, in the Wellington Land District: And whereas the said catchment area prior to and at the date of the passing of the said Act comprised two hundred and twenty-five acres and seventeen perches, more or less, being parts of Sections 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96 of the said Ohariu District: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Exemption of Johnsonville Town Board from rates levied by Wellington City Council and Makara County Council in respect of a catchment area.

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Rating Act, 1925, or in any other Act, the Johnsonville Town Board shall be exempt from rates levied by the Wellington City Council and the Makara County Council and any other public body in respect of the land held by that Board as a catchment area for its water-supply, containing 225 acres and 17 perches, be the same a little more or less, being parts of Sections 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96 of the Ohariu District in the Wellington Land District, and being all the land comprised in certificates of title, Volume 192, folio 173, and Volume 271, folio 110, in the Wellington Land Registry Office.

(2) Section forty-nine of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1919, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Road Boards.

34. Whereas by section fourteen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, certain powers of Borough Councils with respect to drainage and sanitation were conferred on the One Tree Hill, the Epsom, and the Eden Terrace Road Boards: And whereas the Epsom and the Eden Terrace Road Boards have been dissolved: And whereas by an Order in Council under the Counties Act, 1920, dated the third day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and published in the *Gazette* of the sixth day of the same month, certain powers of Borough Councils with respect to drainage and sanitation (including the powers defined in the said section fourteen) were conferred on the One Tree Hill Road Board: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Section 14, Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, repealed.

Section fourteen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1914, is hereby repealed.

35. Whereas on the twenty-ninth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the One Tree Hill Road Board (hereinafter called the Board) was authorized by a vote of ratepayers in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, to raise a special loan of eighteen thousand pounds (hereinafter referred to as No. 1 loan) for (a) the construction of drainage reticulation in that part of the Board's district known as the Western Area, and (b) the construction of an outfall sewer from the Royal Oak to the sea at the Manukau Harbour, together with a settling-tank in connection with such sewer: And whereas on the seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the Board was authorized in manner aforesaid to raise

Special provision with respect to certain drainage and sewerage loans raised by One Tree Hill Road Board.

a special loan of eighteen thousand pounds (hereinafter referred to as No. 2 loan) for the construction of drainage reticulation in that portion of the Board's district known as the Eastern Area: And whereas owing to an alteration in the drainage scheme the outfall sewer and settling tank authorized to be constructed out of No. 1 loan were not constructed, and the sum of four thousand three hundred and fifty pounds out of such loan was used in constructing a pumping-station and rising-main: And whereas, after the completion of the drainage reticulation for which No. 1 loan was raised and the construction of the said pumping-station and rising-main, the Board has a surplus unexpended of the proceeds of No. 1 loan amounting to one thousand seven hundred pounds: And whereas the proceeds of No. 2 loan were insufficient to complete the drainage reticulation for which such loan was raised, and the Board resolved to borrow a further sum, not exceeding ten per centum of the amount of the No. 2 loan, in pursuance of the power conferred on it by section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926: And whereas by agreement bearing date the twentieth day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, made between the Board of the one part and the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board of the other part, it was agreed that the said Western and Eastern Areas should be included within the Auckland and Suburban Drainage District, and in pursuance of the terms of the said agreement there is now due and payable from and by the Board to the Drainage Board the sum of one thousand and fifteen pounds sixteen shillings in respect of the Western Area, and the sum of seven hundred and ninety-six pounds six shillings and twopence in respect of the Eastern Area: And whereas it is desired that the Board's action in expending the said sum of four thousand three hundred and fifty pounds out of the proceeds of No. 1 loan for the construction of a pumping-station and rising-main should be validated, and further that the Board should be authorized to pay to the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board the sum of one thousand and fifteen pounds sixteen shillings out of the surplus proceeds of No. 1 loan, and the sum of seven hundred and ninety-six pounds six shillings and twopence from the sum of one thousand two hundred pounds to be raised by the Board as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) The expenditure by the Board out of the proceeds of No. 1 loan of the sum of four thousand three hundred and fifty pounds in the construction of a pumping-station and rising-main is hereby validated.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or any other Act, the Board is hereby authorized to pay to the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Board the sum of one thousand and fifteen pounds sixteen shillings out of the unexpended surplus of the proceeds of No. 1 loan, and the sum of seven hundred and ninety-six pounds six shillings and twopence out of the sum of one thousand two hundred pounds about to be raised by the Board for the completion of the drainage of the Eastern Area.

Harbour Boards.

36. Whereas by subsection one of section eight of the Bay of Islands Harbour Act, 1920, as amended by the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Act, 1922, the Bay of Islands Harbour Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) was empowered to borrow moneys not exceeding

Authorizing Bay of Islands Harbour Board to raise 10-per cent. additional loan in respect of loan of £6,000.

in the whole the sum of ninety thousand pounds, and by subsection three of the said section the consent of the ratepayers of the Harbour District was required to be obtained in the manner prescribed by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, previous to the borrowing of any part
 5 of the said sum of ninety thousand pounds: And whereas by the Bay of Islands Harbour Act, 1920, the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, were declared to apply as if the Board were a local authority within the meaning of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913: And
 10 whereas in pursuance of the aforesaid powers the Board was duly authorized by a poll of the ratepayers on the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty, to raise the sum of six thousand pounds for the purpose of the construction of a wharf at Russell within the Board's District: And whereas the Board duly raised the said sum of
 15 six thousand pounds, but such sum has been found insufficient to complete the said undertaking: And whereas the Board is desirous of raising a further sum of six hundred pounds, being the statutory ten per centum additional as provided by section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926: And whereas doubts have arisen as to
 20 whether the said section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, applies to loans raised by Harbour Boards: And whereas it is expedient to confer upon the Board the powers hereinafter contained: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act the Board may, by resolution of the Board, raise a further loan of six
 25 hundred pounds.

(2) As security for the said special loan of six hundred pounds the Board shall make and levy a special rate over the whole of the rateable property within the Board's district sufficient to meet the annual and other charges on the said loan, and such special rate may be levied
 30 as a part of or in addition to the special rate made and levied in respect of the said loan of six thousand pounds:

37. Whereas the Whangarei Harbour Board was authorized, under the authority of the Whangarei Harbour Act, 1907, the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1914, the Whangarei Harbour Board
 35 Vesting and Empowering Act, 1919, the Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1925, and certain other enactments, to borrow any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole two hundred and sixty thousand pounds for the purpose of constructing harbour-works as set forth in section three of the said Whangarei Harbour Board
 40 Empowering Act, 1914: And whereas the said Board has raised the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds, part of the said sum of two hundred and sixty thousand pounds: And whereas the said Board finds that the said sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds is insufficient to complete the works for which the said sum
 45 of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds was raised, and that it will require a further sum of one-tenth of the said sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds to complete the said works: And whereas a doubt has arisen whether section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, applies to any loan raised by the said Board
 50 under the authorities aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient to give

Authorizing
 Whangarei Harbour
 Board to raise
 10-per-cent.
 additional loan in
 respect of loan of
 £120,000.

such Board the powers hereinafter contained: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) In addition to all other moneys which it is authorized to raise, the said Board may, in like manner but without a poll of the ratepayers of its district, raise by way of special loan the sum of twelve thousand pounds at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum. 5

(2) A special rate of such amount as may be necessary shall be made by the said Board as security for such loan and to meet the interest and sinking fund and other charges in respect thereof, and such special rate may be made, levied, and collected as a part of or in addition to the special rate made and levied in respect of the said loan of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds. 10

Authorizing
Thames Harbour
Board to raise a
10-per-cent.
additional loan in
respect of loan of
£60,000.

38. Whereas the Thames Harbour Board has, under the authority of the Thames Harbour Board Loan and Empowering Amendment Act, 1923, and certain other enactments, raised a loan of sixty thousand pounds at a rate of interest of six pounds per centum per annum for the objects and purposes set out in the Schedule to the said Act: And whereas in the course of carrying out the said works it was found that the said sum of sixty thousand pounds was insufficient to complete the undertaking for which the loan was raised: And whereas it is necessary for the said Board to raise a supplementary loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of completing the said undertaking, but a doubt has arisen whether section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, authorizes the said Board to raise a further sum of one-tenth of the said loan of sixty thousand pounds: And whereas it is expedient to give to the said Board the powers hereinafter contained: Be it therefore enacted as follows:— 15 20 25

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the said Board, for the purpose of providing the money necessary to defray the cost of completing the said undertaking, may borrow, and shall at all times be deemed to have been authorized to borrow, by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, but without taking the steps described in sections nine to thirteen of that Act, the sum of six thousand pounds. 30

(2) Upon the raising of such loan all the powers and provisions contained in sections twelve, thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen of the Thames Harbour Board Loan and Empowering Act, 1923, shall, with the necessary modifications, be applicable to the sum so raised in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said loan had been raised under that Act. 35 40

Authorizing
Tokomaru Bay
Harbour Board
to purchase certain
land and
buildings by
instalments.

39. Whereas the New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as the said Company), has offered to sell to the Waipapu County Council, in its capacity as the Tokomaru Bay Harbour Board (hereinafter referred to as the said Board), all that piece or parcel of land containing two acres and thirty-two perches, more or less, being Lot 1 on deposited plan 1815, Part Tawhiti I F Block, in Block IV A, Tokomaru Survey District, and being the whole of the land in certificate of title, Volume 50, folio 226, Gisborne Registry (hereinafter referred to as the said land), together with the buildings and plant thereon and certain rolling-stock for the sum of thirteen thousand pounds, payable by the sum of two thousand pounds in cash and the balance, with interest at the rate of not more than six pounds per centum per annum, 45 50

by annual instalments to be spread over a period not exceeding twenty years as may be arranged between the said company and the said Board: And whereas the said Board considers the said offer is very advantageous to the ratepayers and inhabitants of the Tokomaru Bay Harbour District and of the County of Waiapu, and is desirous of accepting the same: And whereas the said Board has available from its accumulated funds a sum of two thousand pounds with which to pay the cash deposit aforesaid, and is in a position to pay the instalments of balance purchase-money out of its annual revenue: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power and authority of the said Board to enter into a contract to purchase or to purchase the said land, buildings, plant, and rolling-stock upon the terms and conditions above recited: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act or any rule of law to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the said Board to enter into a contract to purchase and to purchase from the said company the said land, together with the buildings and plant thereon and certain rolling-stock to be agreed on for the sum of thirteen thousand pounds.

(2) The said Board is also hereby empowered and authorized to pay, pursuant to terms to that effect inserted in the contract, the purchase-money referred to in the *last preceding* subsection by way of instalments, a first payment of two thousand pounds being made on the conclusion of the contract of purchase, and the balance being payable by annual instalments of such amount and extending over such period, not exceeding twenty years, as is agreed upon between the said Board and the said company, with interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable by the said Board on the date of the payment of the annual instalment, on the amount of the purchase-money from time to time outstanding.

40. (1) The Napier Harbour Board is hereby empowered to grant to the Napier Technical School Board a lease, with the option to purchase, of that piece of land containing two acres three roods four and eight-tenths perches, being part of Te Whare-o-Maraenui Block and of Town Section 628, Napier, comprising Lots 664, 665, 666, 667, 669, 670, 671, and 672, on deposited plan No. 2311, in the Hawke's Bay Land Registry Office, at such rent and price and upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed on.

Authorizing Napier Harbour Board to grant a lease, with option to purchase, to the Napier Technical School Board.

(2) Upon lodgment of a lease as aforesaid, or of a transfer giving effect to such purchase, from the said Napier Harbour Board to the said Napier Technical School Board of the said land, the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Hawke's Bay shall register the same, and upon registration of such transfer shall issue a title in respect of the said land in the name of the Napier Technical School Board.

41. Section one hundred and twenty-two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "may at any time sell," the words "or exchange for other lands."

Section 122, Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, amended.

42. The Lyttelton Harbour Board is hereby empowered to pay out of its Harbour Fund such sum or sums as it thinks fit, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds, towards the cost of the preparation and publication of an historical handbook or brochure in connection

Authorizing Lyttelton Harbour Board to expend the sum of £500 on publication of historical handbook.

with the celebration of the jubilee of the Board, to be held during the month of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

Electric-power Boards.

Validating certain purchases of land by Auckland Electric-power Board.

43. Whereas in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five the Auckland Electric-power Board (hereinafter called the Board) purchased the premises situated in Queen Street, in the City of Auckland, known as the British Hotel, being Lots 1, 2, and 3 on deposited plan number 8353, and part of Allotment 14 of Section 16 of the City of Auckland : And whereas at the time of such purchase such premises were, and now are, subject to two several memoranda of mortgage securing the principal sums of ten thousand pounds and sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds respectively : And whereas in pursuance of the terms of such purchase the board executed in favour of the vendor a third mortgage to secure repayment of the sum of twenty-three thousand pounds : And whereas, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the Board purchased the premises situated in Durham Street, in the City of Auckland, known as the Commercial Travellers' Club, being Lot 4 on deposited plan number 1239, and portion of Allotment 14 of Section 16, of the City of Auckland : And whereas at the time of such purchase such premises were, and now are, subject to a certain memorandum of mortgage securing the principal sum of seven thousand pounds : And whereas the Board has no power to borrow money except in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, and it is desired to validate the purchase of the properties hereinbefore referred to subject to the mortgages mentioned and the giving by the Board of the said mortgage of twenty-three thousand pounds : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

The purchase by the Board of the properties above described, subject to the mortgages mentioned and the giving by the Board of the said mortgage for twenty-three thousand pounds, are hereby validated.

Authorizing Central Electric-power Board to establish its offices outside its district.

44. Whereas it is provided by section forty-seven of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925, that an electric-power board may provide public offices within the electric-power district : And whereas the Borough of Hamilton is situated within the boundaries of the Central Electric-power District, but does not form part of the said district : And whereas it is expedient that the public offices of the said district be established within the Borough of Hamilton : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

The Central Electric-power Board is hereby authorized to exercise within the Borough of Hamilton the powers conferred by section forty-seven of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925, as if the said borough was situated within the Central Electric-power District.

Validating clause 8 of Electric-lines License of Bay of Plenty Electric-power Board.

45. Whereas the Bay of Plenty Electric-power Board has authority to take over the supply of electrical energy to the whole or any of the consumers in the Borough of Opotiki now supplied with direct-current electrical energy : And whereas under the provisions of section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, a license relating to the use of electric-lines was issued to the Bay of Plenty Electric-power Board, and was published in the *Gazette* of the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven : And whereas the conditions of such license will, if the supply of electrical energy to the whole or any of such con-

sumers is taken over by the Board, necessitate a change-over of the electrical wiring installations of the consumers so taken over: And whereas the conditions (hereinafter referred to as the said conditions) under which such change-over shall be effected are set forth in clause 5 eight of the schedule to such license: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of the said conditions in such license: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) The said conditions are hereby validated and shall have binding effect as between the licensee and the consumers in cases where the 10 change-over is made.

(2) The reference of any dispute to a Board of Appeal, as provided by the said conditions, shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration under the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1908, or any statutory modification thereof, and the Board of Appeal shall have all the powers 15 vested in arbitrators appointed under the provisions of that Act. In the event of the members of the Board of Appeal not being unanimous in their decision on any matter referred to them, the decision of a majority of the members thereof shall be the decision of the Board of Appeal.

20 46. Whereas the Otago Electric-power Board was, on the twenty-second day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, duly authorized by the ratepayers of the Otago Electric-power District to raise a loan of two hundred thousand pounds to be allocated amongst the purposes set out in the loan proposal in the proportions specified therein: And 25 whereas the amounts raised by the Board for the said purposes are insufficient for some and more than sufficient for others of the said purposes: And whereas it is expedient that the Board should be authorized to expend such loan-moneys for the said purposes in the manner hereinafter provided, instead of in the manner authorized as 30 aforesaid: And whereas the Board has borrowed a further sum of thirteen thousand four hundred pounds under the authority of section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926: And whereas it is expedient that the Board should be authorized to raise a further sum of six thousand six hundred pounds under the authority of the said 35 section nineteen: And whereas the Board has struck a special rate as security for a total sum of two hundred and twenty thousand pounds: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or in any other Act, it shall be lawful for the said 40 Board to apply the moneys borrowed, or to be borrowed as aforesaid, in such manner as it may from time to time decide, with the approval of the Minister of Public Works, to the carrying-out of any of the purposes for which the loan was authorized, irrespective of the specific amounts allocated to the said purposes in the loan proposal.

(2) The said Board is empowered to borrow a further sum, not 45 exceeding six thousand six hundred pounds, for the purpose of completing any of the purposes for which the said loan of two hundred thousand pounds, and the further sum of thirteen thousand four hundred pounds were raised without it being necessary to give any notice to or 50 take a further poll of the ratepayers.

(3) The special rate made and levied for the purpose of securing repayment of the said loans of two hundred thousand pounds and such

Authorizing Otago
Electric-power
Board to vary
apportionment of
certain loan-moneys.

further sum of thirteen thousand four hundred pounds shall also be the rate for securing the repayment of the sum authorized to be borrowed by the *last preceding* subsection.

Special provision with respect to taking over Gore Borough Council's electrical reticulation supply by Southland Electric-power Board.

47. Whereas by a deed of agreement bearing date the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and made between the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Gore (hereinafter referred to as the Council) of the one part and the Southland Electric-power Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) of the other part, the Council agreed to sell, and the Board to purchase, the Council's reticulation system for the distribution of electric energy in and about the Borough of Gore : And whereas by the said deed of agreement the Board agreed that it would, as part of the purchase-money for such reticulation system, become responsible for and indemnify the Council against all payments of principal, interest, and other charges falling due after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, with respect to the following loans raised by the Council, namely—
 (a) The Gore Borough Electric-light loan of one thousand five hundred pounds, falling due on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, and (b) the Gore Borough completion electric-light and street-lighting loan of six thousand pounds, falling due on the first day of February, nineteen hundred and thirty-two : And whereas the Board has no authority to pay out of its loan-moneys the interest from time to time falling due with respect to the said loans : And whereas it is desirable that the Board should be empowered so to do : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

The Board is hereby empowered to make all payments of interest falling due with respect to the above-mentioned loans after the said first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, out of loan-moneys held by the Board for the purposes specified in paragraph (f) of subsection five of section one hundred and fourteen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1921–22.

Drainage Boards.

Authorizing Hauraki United Drainage Board to exercise an unexercised loan authority of Hauraki Drainage Board.

48. Whereas by a special order (hereinafter referred to as the said special order) duly made on the twenty-fifth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and confirmed on the twenty-sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the Hauraki Drainage Board, in pursuance and exercise of powers vested in it in that behalf, decided to raise a special loan of one thousand pounds for a term of thirty-six and a half years, and to pay interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum, for the purpose of providing the cost of widening, deepening, improving, and erecting flood-gates in the drains known as the Thames Valley outlet and Te Kauri No. 1 drain ; widening, deepening, and improving the Wharepoa Road North drain ; widening, deepening, and improving the Willow drain ; stopbanking the Waihou River from the Willow drain to Dally's outlet drain ; and constructing a new intersection drain from the Willow drain to the Northern Boundary of Section 29, Turua Estate, and declared that the cost of raising the said loan and interest and sinking-fund charges for the first year on the loan should be payable out of the moneys so raised, and that the security for the payment of the interest and sinking fund on the loan should be a special rate of thirteen thirty-seconds of one penny in the pound on the

unimproved rateable value of all lands in Class A, nine thirty-seconds of one penny in the pound on the unimproved rateable value of all lands in Class B, and four thirty-seconds of one penny in the pound on the unimproved rateable value of all lands in Class C within the Central
 5 Loan Special-rating Area, as defined in the said special order: And whereas by Order in Council under the Land Drainage Act, 1908, dated the eleventh day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and published in the *Gazette* of the seventeenth day of the same month, it was ordered and declared that the Hauraki Drainage District and the
 10 Horahia Drainage District should, as on and from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, form one united district under and for the purposes of the said Act, and that the name of the said united district should be the Hauraki United Drainage District: And whereas there is no authority for the Hauraki United Drainage Board
 15 to raise the said loan of one thousand pounds: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Hauraki United Drainage Board is hereby empowered to raise the said loan of one thousand pounds, pursuant to the terms of the said special order,
 20 in all respects as if the said special order had been duly made by it under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926.

49. Whereas by a poll of the ratepayers of the Horahia Drainage District held on the twenty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the Horahia Drainage Board was authorized to raise
 25 a special loan of fifteen thousand five hundred pounds for drainage-works for the benefit of the said district: And whereas the Horahia Drainage Board executed in respect of the said loan one hundred debentures of one hundred pounds each, sixty of which have been sold by the said Board, and forty of which are held by the Bank of
 30 New Zealand under a deed of hypothecation or mortgage executed by the said Board: And whereas by Order in Council under the Land Drainage Act, 1908, dated the eleventh day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and published in the *Gazette* of the seventeenth day of the same month, it was ordered and declared that the Hauraki
 35 Drainage District and the Horahia Drainage District should, as on and from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, form one united district under and for the purposes of the said Act, and that the name of the said united district should be the Hauraki United Drainage District: And whereas at the date of the consti-
 40 tution of the said Hauraki United Drainage District the said drainage-works were being constructed by contractors under contracts made with the Horahia Drainage Board: And whereas by section fifteen of the Land Drainage Act, 1908, the Hauraki United Drainage Board became liable for the payments to become due under such
 45 contracts: And whereas the Hauraki United Drainage Board has let further contracts to be paid for out of the said loan: And whereas the Hauraki United Drainage Board, out of its ordinary revenue and out of moneys borrowed by way of bank overdraft, has made pay-
 50 ments on such contracts and generally in anticipation of raising the balance of the said loan-moneys: And whereas such payments do not exceed the sum of three thousand five hundred pounds: And whereas there is no authority for the Hauraki United Drainage Board

Authorizing Hauraki United Drainage Board to exercise an unexhausted loan authority of Horahia Drainage Board.

to raise the balance, nine thousand five hundred pounds, of the said loan: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or any other Act, all powers of the Horahia Drainage Board in respect of, or in any way incidental or relating to the raising of the said balance of nine thousand five hundred pounds of the said loan shall for all purposes be deemed to have been transferred to the Hauraki United Drainage Board on the constitution of the Hauraki United Drainage District, and the said Hauraki United Drainage Board may, out of the proceeds of any part of the said balance hereafter raised by it, refund to its General Account moneys advanced thereout as aforesaid.

(2) Any power with respect to debentures issued, or to be issued, for the purposes of the said loan of fifteen thousand five hundred pounds, or any part thereof, that would have been exercisable by the Horahia Drainage Board if it had continued in existence, may be exercised by the Hauraki United Drainage Board.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prejudice the rights of the Bank of New Zealand in respect of the debentures hypothecated or mortgaged to the said bank by the Horahia Drainage Board.

Making provision
with respect to
overdraft of
Buckley Drainage
Board.

50. Whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and published in the *Gazette* of the thirtieth day of the same month, the area described in the First Schedule to that Order was included in the Buckley Drainage District (hereinafter referred to as the District) as constituted under the provisions of the Land Drainage Act, 1908: And whereas by Order in Council dated the twelfth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and published in the *Gazette* of the fifteenth day of the same month, the boundaries of the district were altered by excluding therefrom a part of the area included in the district as aforesaid: And whereas, on account of the said alterations in the boundaries of the district, the Buckley Drainage Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) was unable to classify the lands in the district for rating purposes nor to levy rates on such lands: And whereas, in order to meet certain expenditure arising out of the said alterations of boundaries and to carry out certain works which became urgently necessary on account of floods in the district, the Board has borrowed certain moneys temporarily, and proposes in like manner to borrow additional moneys for such purposes: And whereas the moneys so borrowed and proposed to be borrowed do not in all exceed the sum of one thousand five hundred and fifty pounds: And whereas it is expedient to make provision in manner hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, the Board shall be deemed, with respect to moneys heretofore borrowed as aforesaid, to have been lawfully empowered to borrow all such moneys, and may, for such purposes as aforesaid, borrow by way of bank overdraft not later than the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, such additional moneys as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, but so that the total amount outstanding on that date in respect of all moneys borrowed under the authority of this section, whether before or after the passing of this Act, will not exceed the sum of one thousand five hundred and fifty pounds.

(2) Save as provided in subsection *five* hereof, the principal sum owing by the Board on the said thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, in respect of all moneys borrowed as aforesaid up to that date shall be repaid by seven equal payments out of
5 its revenue, one such payment to be made in each year of the period of seven years commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-five.

(3) For the purpose of providing the whole or any part of any
10 such payment the Board may, by resolution, make and levy a special rate. Such special rate shall be a uniform rate over all rateable property in the Board's district.

(4) All interest and any other charges in respect of any part of such
15 principal sum for the time being outstanding shall be paid by the Board out of its ordinary revenue, and not out of the proceeds of such special rate.

(5) At any time within the period of seven years referred to in subsection *two* of this section the Board may borrow, by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, in the same manner as
20 for a public work, but without taking the steps described in sections nine to thirteen of that Act, an amount sufficient to repay such sum as is then outstanding, and shall apply the proceeds of such loan towards such repayment, in lieu of making or continuing to make the yearly payments as set out in the said subsection *two*.

(6) Moneys borrowed as aforesaid by way of bank overdraft,
25 whether before or after the passing of this Act, shall not at any time be taken into account in computing for the purposes of section three of the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921-22, the maximum amount that may lawfully be borrowed by the Board, or the amount that it may owe
30 at the end of any year on its general or any separate account.

River Boards.

51. Whereas the Waimatuku River Board (hereinafter referred to as the said Board) was authorized by a poll of ratepayers taken on the eighth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty, to raise a special loan
35 of eight thousand pounds under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, for the purpose, *inter alia*, of improving the bed of the Waimatuku River by deepening, straightening, and widening the same: And whereas the said Board has in good faith out of the proceeds of such special loan expended the sum of three hundred and nineteen pounds ten shillings
40 and tenpence on the construction of bridges over a new channel made by the said Board for the purpose of straightening the course of the said river: And whereas the said Board had no authority so to expend any of the said loan-moneys: And whereas it is desirable that such expenditure should be validated: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

45 The payment by the said Board out of the proceeds of such special loan as aforesaid of the sum of three hundred and nineteen pounds ten shillings and tenpence on the construction of bridges over the Waimatuku River is hereby validated.

Validating certain expenditure by Waimatuku River Board.

Railway Boards.

Section 65,
Reserves and other
Lands Disposal
and Public Bodies
Empowering Act,
1922, amended.

52. Whereas the Ohai Railway Board is authorized by section sixty-five of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, to overdraw its bank account to the amount of twenty-five thousand pounds; but the said section of the said Act requires that the said Board shall, on or before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, reduce its bank overdraft to the limit prescribed by the general law relating to Railway Boards then in force: And whereas it is desirable that the period within which the said Board may exercise the powers given by the said section should be extended to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-three: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Section sixty-five of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, is hereby amended by omitting the words “nineteen hundred and twenty-eight” wherever the same appear in that section, and substituting the words “nineteen hundred and thirty-three.”

Authorizing Ohai
Railway Board to
expend money on
advertising in, and
purchasing copies of,
the book called
“The Dominion of
New Zealand.”

53. The Ohai Railway Board is hereby authorized to expend the sum of two hundred and ten pounds on advertising in, and purchasing copies of, the book entitled “The Dominion of New Zealand.”

Authorizing Ohai
Railway Board to
make grant, not
exceeding £100,
towards defraying
cost of Southland
Provincial Court at
New Zealand and
South Seas
Exhibition.

54. (1) The Ohai Railway Board, being a Railway Board constituted under the Local Railways Act, 1914, is hereby empowered to pay out of its Railway Fund such sum as it thinks fit, not exceeding one hundred pounds, towards defraying the cost incurred in respect of the Southland Provincial Court at the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition, held at Dunedin in the years nineteen hundred and twenty-five and nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

(2) Any payment under this section may be made to the executive committee of the Southland Provincial Court aforesaid, or to any person who satisfies the Board that he has authority to receive moneys on behalf of that committee.

Education Authorities.

Section 115,
Reserves and other
Lands Disposal and
Public Bodies
Empowering Act,
1922, repealed.

55. Section one hundred and fifteen of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1922, is hereby repealed.

Vesting a certain
area of land in the
Otago Boys' and
Girls' High Schools
Board.

56. Whereas the Otago Boys' and Girls' High Schools Board (hereinafter referred to as the said High Schools Board) by a transfer dated the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and registered as number 18260 in the Land Registration District of Otago, transferred to John Robson Section 37, Block V, Strath Taieri Survey District, being part of the land vested in the said High Schools Board: And whereas the said John Robson, by a mortgage registered as number 13065 in the said district, mortgaged the said section to secure the payment of one hundred and thirty-eight pounds nine shillings and ninepence, being balance of the purchase-money and thirty-six pounds being interest due under fourteen promissory notes: And whereas the said John Robson, by mortgage registered as number 13066 in the said district, mortgaged the said section to Elspeth Duncan to secure the payment of twenty-five pounds: And whereas the said John Robson shortly afterwards disappeared without having paid any

part of the principal sums secured by the said mortgages or any interest thereon: And whereas the said Board is now, and has been for many years, in the position of a mortgagee in possession of the said section: And whereas by a lease which expires on the thirtieth day of April, 5 nineteen hundred and thirty-four, the said High Schools Board leased the said section, together with other lands, to Andrew Carruthers: And whereas it is desirable that the title to the said area of land should be vested in the said High Schools Board freed and discharged from the said mortgage to Elspeth Duncan: And whereas the representatives 10 of the said Elspeth Duncan have consented to the said section being re-vested in the said High Schools Board released from the mortgage to her: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Section 37, Block V, Strath Taieri Survey District, is hereby vested in the said High Schools Board released and discharged from the 15 said mortgages registered as number 13065 and number 13066 respectively.

Affecting Two or more Classes of Local Authorities.

57. Whereas section seven of the Auckland City and Auckland Museum Empowering Act, 1924, authorized the Corporation of the City 20 of Auckland (hereinafter called the City Corporation) to lend, *inter alia*, to the Waitemata County Council, the New Lynn Town Board, the Glen Eden Town Board, and the Henderson Town Board (hereinafter collectively referred to as the local authorities) and the local authorities to borrow such sums of money, not exceeding with the amount lent 25 to the other local body mentioned in the said section, the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds for the purpose of enabling the local authorities to contribute towards the cost of the formation, concreting, and improving of a main arterial highway within the district of the local authorities: And whereas the local authorities had been severally 30 required under the provisions of section nineteen of the Main Highways Act, 1922, to contribute towards the work of the formation, concreting, and improving, being a reconstruction of the said main arterial highway, which work was undertaken by the City Corporation under agreement with the Main Highways Board and with the local authorities upon 35 estimates made by the City Corporation: And whereas the estimates of the amount payable by each of the local authorities as its contribution towards the cost of forming, concreting, and improving the said main arterial highway were as follows, that is to say: The Waitemata County Council, six thousand pounds; the New Lynn Town Board, five thousand 40 pounds; the Glen Eden Town Board, one thousand nine hundred and six pounds; and the Henderson Town Board, five thousand pounds: And whereas each of the local authorities duly borrowed moneys for the purpose of paying its contribution towards the cost of such work: And whereas the work of the formation, concreting, and improving of 45 the said main arterial highway within the districts of the local authorities was completed at a cost in excess of the respective estimates: And whereas the amounts of the said several loans authorized and raised by the local authorities respectively for the purpose of payment of their respective proportions of the cost of such work have been found insufficient for such undertaking: And whereas the required amounts in excess 50 of such loans were as follows, that is to say: In respect of the Waitemata County Council, an excess of three thousand seven hundred and fifty

Authorizing Waitemata County Council, New Lynn Town Board, Glen Eden Town Board, and Henderson Town Board to raise supplementary loans for payment of their respective contributions to cost of a main arterial highway.

pounds ; in respect of the New Lynn Town Board, an excess of one thousand and eighty-nine pounds nine shillings and one penny (including costs of raising loan, interest, and sinking fund for the first year); in respect of the Glen Eden Town Board, an excess of seven hundred and eighty-five pounds; and in respect of the Henderson Town Board, an excess of two thousand eight hundred and ninety pounds : And whereas by section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, if the amount of any loan authorized to be raised under that Act or under any former Act relating to local bodies' loans is found to be insufficient to complete the undertaking in respect of which it was raised, the local authority may, for the purpose of completing the undertaking, borrow from the same or any other lender a further sum, not being greater than one-tenth of the amount originally authorized by the ratepayers, and in any such case it shall not be necessary to give any notice or take a further poll of the ratepayers : And whereas it is desirable to authorize each of the local authorities to raise by way of supplementary loan the respective sums representing such excesses as aforesaid over the amounts of their respective loans without giving any notice or taking any further poll of the ratepayers : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

(1) Each of the local authorities respectively may, in respect of such excesses as aforesaid over the respective loans raised, exercise all the powers of section nineteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, in as full and ample a manner as if the said section contained no limitation of the amount which might be raised by way of supplementary loan : Provided that nothing herein shall authorize any of the local authorities respectively to raise by way of supplementary loan a greater sum than is represented by the amount of such respective excesses as aforesaid.

(2) Any special rate made by the respective local authorities for securing the payment of interest and other charges in respect of any such loan shall be valid to all intents and purposes.

(3) The Glen Eden Town Board may, out of the proceeds of such supplementary loan, refund to its General Account any moneys paid thereout before the passing of this Act to meet interest, cost, and sinking fund in respect of the original loan raised for the purpose of paying its contribution as aforesaid.

58. The Buller County Council and the Westport Borough Council are hereby authorized each to pay to the Cawthron Institute a sum not exceeding fifty pounds in each year during the period ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, the first payment to be made during the current financial year, as a contribution toward a scientific investigation by the Institute of the utilization of certain lands in the Buller County :

Provided that no payment shall be made in any year except with the approval of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

59. Whereas by subsection one of section nineteen of the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925, the bed of the Ashley River was, save as expressly provided therein, vested in the Ashley River Trust as an endowment : And whereas it is desired to vest a portion of such land in the Corporation of the Borough of Rangiora : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

(1) The vesting of the land hereinafter described in the Ashley River Trust is hereby cancelled, and such land is hereby vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Rangiora as a reserve for planting purposes,

Authorizing Buller County Council and Westport Borough Council to contribute towards experiments by Cawthron Institute on pakihi land.

Vesting certain land of Ashley River Trust in the Rangiora Borough Corporation as a reserve.

subject to the right of the said trust to enter and carry out thereon any of the works authorized by section fifteen of the said Act.

(2) The land to which the *last preceding* subsection relates is particularly described as follows:—

5 All that land in the Canterbury Land District, containing by ad-
measurement four acres one rood twenty-three perches, more or less,
being part of Reserve 3036, situated in Block VI, Rangiora Survey
District, and bounded as follows: towards the north by Reserves 3503,
10 4136, and 4137, 225.5, 408.9, and 1499.8 links; towards the north-east
and east by other part of Reserve 3036, 152.4 and 86.2 links
respectively; towards the south by a road-line 1603.1, 399.1, and 218.0
links, and again towards the west by other part of Reserve 3036, 200
links; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked
P.W.D. 69240, deposited in Head Office, Department of Public Works,
15 at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

Miscellaneous.

60. Whereas the Waipu Public Library Institution, incorporated
under the Public Libraries Powers Act, 1875, is the owner of all that
piece of land in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by
20 admeasurement thirty-two perches, more or less, situated in the Parish
of Waipu, and being part of Allotment 21 of the said parish: Bounded
as appears in a certain deed of conveyance dated the tenth day of
October, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and registered in the Deeds
Register Office, at Auckland, under number 72329: And whereas such
25 land is expressed by the said deed of conveyance to be held by the said
institution upon trust for the site of a public library and literary institute:
And whereas a building was erected on the said site, and such building
was recently destroyed by fire: And whereas the insurance moneys
in respect of the building and contents are held by certain persons in
30 trust pending a proper disposition of the same: And whereas it is
impossible to control effectively the affairs of the said library owing to
the trustees being now deceased and there being no legal representatives
of such trustees: And whereas it is desired to make provision for
vesting the said land and the said moneys in an association (to be known
35 as the Waipu Public Coronation Hall and Library Association) which
it is proposed to incorporate under the Incorporated Societies Act,
1908: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Providing for
dissolution of
Waipu Public
Library Institution,
and disposal of
assets, &c

(1) The Waipu Public Library Institution, incorporated under the
Public Libraries Powers Act, 1875, is hereby dissolved, and the Registrar
40 of the Supreme Court, at Auckland, is hereby empowered and directed
to note such dissolution on the Court record of the incorporation of the
institution.

(2) The Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, vest the
land hereinbefore described and formerly held by the said Waipu Public
45 Library Institution in any society incorporated under the Incorporated
Societies Act, 1908, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a
public hall and library at Waipu, in trust as a site for a public hall and
library, and the Registrar of Deeds for the Deeds Registration District
of Auckland shall thereupon make such entries in the register as may be
50 necessary to give full effect to this subsection.

(3) Any moneys formerly belonging to the said Waipu Public Library Institution and now held in trust by any persons shall continue to be held by such persons pending the vesting of the site as aforesaid, and shall then be paid over to the society in which the site is vested. The said moneys shall be applied first in discharging any liabilities of the said Waipu Public Library Institution hereby dissolved and then in or towards the erection of a hall and library on the said site or towards the maintenance of such hall and library. 5