

Hon. Mr. Fisher.

NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The New Plymouth High School Act, 1878." Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The New Plymouth High School Act Amendment Act, 1888." It shall be read together with and deemed to be part of "The New Plymouth High School Act, 1878" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"). Short Title.

10 2. The word "Board" in the said Act shall be deemed to mean the Board as constituted under this Act. The words "The Education Act, 1877," in the fifth section of the said Act, shall be deemed, from the passing of this Act, to mean "The Education Reserves Act, 1877." Interpretation.

15 3. In place of the Board of Governors constituted by the said Act, the Governor in Council may appoint seven persons to constitute the Board, and upon such appointment the lands and other property of the high school now vested in the Board constituted under the said Act shall become vested in the Board constituted under this Act. Governor may appoint a Board of seven persons.

20 4. The Board so appointed shall be and is hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The New Plymouth High School Board," and by which name such body corporate shall have a perpetual succession and a common seal, and may hold lands and, may sue and be sued, and may do and suffer any such things as corporate The Board a corporate body.

25 bodies may do and suffer.

Retirement of members.

5. Two of the members of the Board shall retire from office at the end of the first year after appointment, two other members at the end of the second year, and the three remaining members at the end of the third year. The names of the members so to retire shall be determined by the Board by lot. The vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Governor in Council, and the members so appointed shall hold office for three years, and in like manner thereafter appointments may be made as vacancies occur. 5

How vacancies shall be filled.

6. Any vacancies which may arise from death, resignation, or otherwise, under section *seven* shall be filled by appointment by the Board, and the person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term for which his predecessor was appointed. 10

Forfeiture of seats at Board.

7. If any member of the Board shall, without leave given by the Board, be absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board, or shall, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Board, resign his office, or become bankrupt, or be convicted of an indictable offence, he shall immediately thereupon cease to be a member of the Board. 15

First meeting and election of Chairman.

8. The Board shall meet for the first time at such time and place as the Governor shall, by notice in the *New Zealand Gazette*, appoint, and shall forthwith proceed to elect a Chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he shall be present during his period of office, and when so presiding shall have a deliberative and casting vote on all questions coming before the Board; and such Chairman shall have the custody of the common seal. Three members shall form a quorum. 20 25

Chairman's tenure of office.

9. The first Chairman shall hold office for the period ending the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, or until his successor is elected at the first meeting of the Board after that date, and thereafter the election of Chairman shall take place at the first meeting of the Board in January in each year. 30

Board may regulate proceedings.

10. The Board may make, and may from time to time revoke, vary, and make fresh regulations for the conduct of business at their meetings, for the election of Chairman and Acting Chairman, for determining how meetings shall be convened, and for such like other matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the Board. 35

Proper minutes of all meetings to be kept.

11. Minutes of the proceedings of the Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every meeting of the Board the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same shall be read, and the minutes, when so signed, shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Board for all purposes whatever. 40

Moneys of Board to be paid into bank.

12. All moneys received by, or belonging to, the Board shall be paid into such bank as the Board from time to time appoints, to an account to be called "The High School Account," and no moneys shall be drawn out of the bank except by the authority of the Board, and shall be paid by cheque, signed by the Treasurer and by such one or more members of the Board as the Board may from time to time authorise to sign cheques. 45 50

13. The Board may from time to time appoint and remove all officers required for the purposes of the Board, and pay such salaries as may from time to time be voted by the Board. Board may appoint and remove officers.
14. The lands described in the Schedule hereto, ~~being lands set~~ High school site.
5 ~~apart for secondary education,~~ shall, on the passing of this Act, be vested, without any conveyance or assurance, in the Board as a site for the high school.
15. The lands described in the Schedule to the said Act, being no longer required for a site for a high school, shall, on the passing of this Act, be vested, without any conveyance or assurance, in the Taranaki Education Board as a school site. Land vested in Education Board as school-site.
16. On and after the passing of this Act, that portion of Gardner Street, in the Town of New Plymouth, between Eliot Street and Hobson Street, not being required for public traffic, shall cease to be a public thoroughfare, and the land therein contained, by admeasurement one acre one rood and thirty-five perches, shall be vested, without any conveyance or assurance, in the Board as a part of the high school site. Part of a street closed.
17. The eighth section of the said Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

ALL that piece or parcel of land in the Town of New Plymouth, in the Provincial District of Taranaki, containing by admeasurement 6 acres 1 rood and $9\frac{1}{2}$ 17 perches, more or less, being part of Sections Nos. 1700, 1701, 1702, and 1703, and Sections Nos. 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, and 1731, of the Town of New Plymouth. Bounded towards the north by Gilbert Street, 1669·8 links; towards the east by Hobson Street, 410 links; towards the south by Gardner Street, 1635 links; towards the west by Eliot Street, 302 links. Also all that parcel of land in the said town, containing by admeasurement 6 acres 2 roods and $26\frac{3}{4}$ 32 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, and 1773, of the Town of New Plymouth. Bounded towards the north by Gardner Street, 1635 links; towards the east by Hobson Street, 410 links; towards the south by Hendrie Street, 1635 links; towards the west by Eliot Street, 410 links; be the aforesaid linkages more or less.