Right Hon. Mr. Coates.

NATIVE TRUSTEE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title.

2. Sections 71 and 72 of the Property Law Act, 1908, not to apply to mortgages in favour of the Native Trustee. 3. Funds accepted for special investment other-

wise than in Common Fund not guaranteed.

4. Native Trustee not required to comply with provisions of Native Land Act, 1909, as to limitation of area.

5. Native Trustee may be appointed trustee, executor, agent, or attorney.

6. Native Trustee may appoint person to sell personalty by auction in certain cases.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Native Trustee Act, 1920.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Native Trustee Amendment Act, short Title. 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Native Trustee Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Sections seventy-one and seventy-two of the Property Law Act, Sections 71 and 72 10 1908, shall not, without the written consent of the Native Trustee, be of the Property Law Act, 1908, not to binding in respect of any mortgage given by a Native in favour of the apply to Native Trustee, whether before or after the passing of this Act.

3. (1.) Moneys expressly directed to be invested otherwise than Trustee. in the Common Fund created by section four of the Native Trustee Funds accepted for 15 Amendment Act, 1921-22, shall not form part of such Common Fund, special investment and the Native Trustee may accept such moneys from any Native or Common Fund not incorporation of owners of Native land, and may invest the same in guaranteed. accordance with such direction; but such investments shall not be entitled to the protection afforded by the principal Act; and any loss

20 or deficiency in respect of any such investments, or of the money received therefrom or realized thereby, shall be borne by the depositor or estate or incorporation to which such moneys belong, or, if received or realized, would belong.

(2.) Section twenty-four of the principal Act shall not apply to 25 deposits under this section.

(3.) Forthwith upon the receipt by the Native Trustee of any such moneys, he shall make reasonable effort to find an investment therefor in accordance with the special directions contained in the trust instrument (if any), and if the whole of such moneys cannot be so invested

No. 95-1.

mortgages in favour of the Native

otherwise than in

Title.

within one calendar month from the date of the receipt thereof the Native Trustee may, until such moneys can be so invested, temporarily appropriate and allocate as investment for such moneys, or any part thereof, one or more existing investments of the Common Fund of the same nature and kind as is required by the trust instrument. Any Common Fund investment while so appropriated and allocated as a special investment shall not be entitled to the protection afforded to Common Fund investments.

4. Where the Native Trustee in the administration of any trust acquires or seeks to acquire any land or estate or interest therein for the 10 benefit of such trust it shall not be necessary for him to comply with the provisions of the Native Land Act, 1909, and the amendments thereof relating to limitation of area, and, in particular, sections seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, and seventy-five of the Native Land Amendment Act, 1913, shall not apply to any purchase, lease, or other 15 acquisition by the Native Trustee for the purpose aforesaid; and a certificate under the hand of the Native Trustee to the effect that any such transfer, lease, or other alienation is within the terms of this section shall be accepted by all Courts, Maori Land Boards, and District Land Registrars as sufficient evidence thereof.

5. (1.) Where any Court or a Judge thereof or any Native now or hereafter can appoint a trustee, executor, administrator, agent, or attorney, any such appointment may be made of the Native Trustee if he consents thereto.

(2.) Subject to the express provisions of the Native Land Act, 1909, 25 and its amendments, or of the principal Act or the amendments thereof, the duties and rights of the Native Trustee under any appointment shall be the same as if the appointment had been of a private person.

6. Where the Native Trustee is realizing the goods, chattels, and effects of any estate administered by him and such goods, chattels, and 30 effects are not of greater value than two hundred pounds, and are situated at a distance of more than ten miles from the usual place of business of a licensed auctioneer, such goods, chattels, and effects may be offered for sale by auction by some person to be appointed by the Native Trustee, and such person for the purpose of such sale shall not 35 require to take out an auctioneer's license.

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington,-1926.

Native Trustee not required to comply with provisions of Native Land Act, 1909, as to limitation of area.

Native Trustee may be appointed trustee, executor, agent, or attorney.

Native Trustee may appoint person to sell personalty by auction in certain cases.

20

 $\mathbf{5}$