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Hon. Mr. Stout.

Otago and Southland Education Reserves Leasing.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Lease and Settlement of certain Education Reserves within the Provincial District of Otago. Title.

WHEREAS the lands described in the Schedule hereto were set apart as educational endowments under the authority of "The Otago Reserves Act, 1874," and it was a special condition that, notwithstanding such reservation, the said lands should be available for settlement: And whereas the said lands are now vested in the corporate bodies hereinafter mentioned, and it is expedient to make provision whereby the said lands may be declared open for lease and settlement upon special conditions: Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Otago and Southland Education Reserves Leasing Act, 1878." Short Title.

2. The term "Commissioners" in this Act means the School Commissioners of the Provincial District of Otago appointed under "The Education Reserves Act, 1877," and includes the Corporations known as the Boys' and Girls' High Schools Boards of Otago and Southland respectively, in one or other of which Commissioners or Corporations the lands described in the Schedule hereto are vested, and also shall include any other Corporation in or to which any of the aforesaid lands may hereafter be vested or granted. Interpretation.

3. The Governor may, by warrant under his hand, from time to time direct the respective Commissioners and Corporations in whom any of the aforesaid lands are vested, to set aside so much thereof for settlement as shall be defined in such instrument, and thereupon the Commissioners or Corporation respectively, to whom any such instrument is addressed, shall cause the lands so defined to be classified as agricultural and pastoral lands, and to be subdivided into allotments of not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres each of the agricultural lands, and five thousand acres each of the pastoral lands. Lands to be classified as agricultural and pastoral.

4. The aforesaid Commissioners shall, by public notice repeated once in each of four consecutive weeks, advertize the lands for lease by public auction on a day not less than thirty days after the date of the first of such public notices; and on such day the leases of the said lands shall be sold on the following terms:— Leases to be sold by auction in single allotments.

(1.) No person by himself or agent shall be permitted to lease more than one allotment:

(2.) The term of each lease shall not exceed thirty-six years:

(3.) The lands shall be put up at the upset price as rental, per acre per annum, of *two* shillings for the agricultural lands, and *one* shilling for the pastoral lands :

(4.) The land tax shall in every case be paid by the lessee of the lands :

(5.) The conditions, covenants, and stipulations of such leases shall be regulated by the Governor in Council.

Existing pastoral leases to be determined.

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5. It shall be lawful for the Governor at any time to proclaim that the whole or any part of the lands described in the Schedule hereto is required for settlement and lease under this Act, and thereupon the pastoral license or lease in respect of the land specified in any such Proclamation shall determine and be void; and the lessee shall be entitled to all the rights for compensation in respect of the determination of such lease or license as he would have had under "The Land Act, 1877," in case such lands had never been reserved.

Compensation.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

EDUCATION RESERVES IN OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND.

| Locality. | Section. | Area. | |
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| <i>Reserves in Otago Runs.</i> | | | |
| Runs 193, 194, 202, 254b, 326, 327, and portion of 175b. | ... | A. | R. P. |
| Run 88 | ... | 208,000 | 0 0 |
| Run 301b | ... | 6,675 | 0 0 |
| Runs 74, 161, and 162 | ... | 78,500 | 0 0 |
| Runs 205 and 213a | ... | 51,825 | 0 0 |
| | | 40,600 | 0 0 |
| <i>Southland Runs.</i> | | | |
| Run 208, Wairaka ... | ... | 25,680 | 0 0 |
| Run 166a, Takatimo | ... | 22,781 | 0 0 |
| Run 176a, Takatimo | ... | 1,730 | 0 0 |
| Run 195, Hokonui... | ... | 7,860 | 0 0 |
| <i>Reserves in Southland Runs.</i> | | | |
| Wairio District | 21 | 500 | 0 0 |
| " | 37 | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| " | 38 | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| Wairaki District | 8 | 500 | 0 0 |
| " | 9 | 500 | 0 0 |
| " | 41 | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| Eyre District, Run 214 | ... | 18,036 | 0 0 |