

Hon. Major Steward.

OAMARU ENDOWMENT LANDS RESUMPTION FOR MINING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable certain Endowments at present vested in the Borough of Oamaru and the Trustees of the Oamaru Hospital to be resumed by Her Majesty for Mining Purposes.

Title.

5 WHEREAS the lands described in the First Schedule hereto are now vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Oamaru, and the lands described in the Second Schedule are now vested in the Trustees of the Oamaru Hospital: And whereas the said lands are known to be auriferous, and it is expedient that they should be made available for mining purposes:

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 is "The Oamaru Endowment Lands Resumption for Mining Act, 1900."

Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in "The Mining Act, 1898," or any other Act, whether local, general, or special, the lands comprised in the First and Second Schedules hereto may be resumed for mining purposes under the provisions for resumption contained in "The Mining Act, 1898," subject nevertheless to the following special provisions:—

Lands in Schedule may be resumed for mining.

(1.) The consent of the owners or occupiers shall not be necessary.

(2.) The compensation awarded to the Borough of Oamaru in respect of the resumption of the land specified in the First Schedule hereto shall be such as will produce a revenue not less than that now derivable from the said land, and may be given either in land of equivalent value, or in cash or debentures, as may be arranged by mutual agreement between the Council of the said borough and the Minister of Mines, and any land so given shall be

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vested in the borough for the same or similar purposes, and upon the same or similar trusts, as in the case of the land resumed, or, if the compensation be paid in cash or debentures, shall be applied for the benefit of the borough in such manner as with the approval of the Governor 5 the Borough Council thinks fit.

- (3.) The provision of the *last-preceding* subsection hereof shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in the case of the compensation awarded to the Trustees of the Oamaru Hospital in respect of the resumption of any of the land specified in 10 the *Second* Schedule hereto.
- (4.) The compensation awarded to the occupiers for the determination of their leases shall be paid as provided by section two hundred and thirty-seven of "The Mining Act, 1898," and shall be charged upon the goldfields revenue 15 of the mining district as therein directed.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

SECTION 24, Block VI., Maruwenua Survey District, containing 2,009 acres 2 roods 20 perches: as described in Crown Grant No. 15684.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

SECTION 3, Block XI., Maruwenua Survey District, containing 1,766 acres 2 roods: as described in Crown Grant No. 20127.