

Otago Provincial Loan.

(By Message.)

ANALYSIS.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize Fifty Thousand Pounds to be raised by the Province of Otago the Interest on and Principal of which to be payable out of Pastoral Rents. Title.

BE IT 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 Provincial Loan Act 1869.” Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of the Province of Otago from time to time to appoint fit and proper persons to be Commissioners for the purpose of raising and managing the loan to be raised under this Act and from time to time to remove any person so appointed and to appoint any other fit person in the place of the person so removed Superintendent with approval of Governor empowered to appoint and remove Commissioners. Provided that every such appointment and removal shall be made only with the approval of the Governor.

3. Such Commissioners shall have full power and authority to borrow and raise in New Zealand by bonds debentures or otherwise any sum or sums not exceeding fifty thousand pounds in the whole as the Superintendent of Otago shall determine. Sum not to exceed £50,000.

Interest not to exceed six per cent. per annum.

4. Every bond debenture or other security granted under this Act shall bear interest at such rate not exceeding six pounds for every one hundred pounds by the year and be for such sum and in such form and the interest thereon and principal thereof shall be made repayable at such time or times not being beyond twenty-seven years from the date thereof and at such place in Otago as the Superintendent subject to the approval of the Governor in Council shall direct and shall be signed by the Commissioners and coupons shall be attached to every such debenture and every such debenture and coupon shall be transferable and negotiable as shall be directed as aforesaid.

Money borrowed to be paid to Provincial Account.

5. All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Provincial Account of the Province of Otago.

Bonds &c. not to be sold under par.

6. No such bond debenture or other security shall be sold or disposed of at a lower rate than par.

£4,000 to be issued annually to Commissioners from Land Fund received for Pastoral Rents.

7. Out of so much of the Land Fund arising within the Province of Otago as shall be paid on account of rents or license fees for pastoral leases or licenses for depasturing stock there shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the said Commissioners a sum of four thousand pounds annually until the whole amount of the said loan and interest thereon shall have been repaid.

Thereout Commissioners to pay interest and principal.

8. Out of the money so to be paid to the said Commissioners there shall from time to time be paid all interest accruing due on all outstanding debentures and all outstanding debentures as and when they fall due.

Commissioners to invest balances.

9. The Commissioners shall invest in such manner and upon such securities as the Superintendent with the approval of the Governor shall from time to time direct so much of the moneys from time to time paid to them as shall not be required for the payment of interest or principal for the time being due and unpaid.

Commissioners to realize when necessary.

10. Whenever it shall appear to the Commissioners expedient that the whole or any part of the securities in which money received by them under this Act have been invested should be realized it shall be lawful for the Commissioners with the consent of the Superintendent of the said Province from time to time to realize and convert into money such or so much of the said investments as the Commissioners and the said Superintendent may think ought to be realized.

Deficiency (if any) to be paid out of Land Fund received for Pastoral Rents.

11. If at any time the moneys paid to the Commissioners under this Act together with the proceeds of all investments thereof shall be insufficient to meet the claims for any interest or principal payable under this Act and for the time being due and unpaid it shall be lawful for the Colonial Treasurer from time to time to issue to such Commissioners the amount of such deficiency out of so much of the land fund arising in the said Province as shall be received on account of pastoral leases or licenses for depasturing stock.