Hon. Mr. Hamilton

OHAI RAILWAY BOARD AMENDMENT

[LOCAL BILL]

ANALYSIS

2. Permitting members interested in certain contracts with the Board, and disentitling some members to vote in respect of such contracts. 3. Substitution and repeal.

Title 1. Short Title.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Ohai Railway Board Act, 1932 Title. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority 5 of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Ohai Railway Board Short Title. Amendment Act, 1943, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Ohai Railway Board Act, 1932.

2. Section ten of the Ohai Railway Board Act, Permitting 10 1932, is hereby amended by adding the following sub-members to be sections thereto, which subsections shall take effect as in certain if this amendment had been enacted immediately prior contracts with to the commencement of the financial year ended on disentitling the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and some members 15 forty-three, namely:

"(2) No person shall be disqualified from being such contracts. elected a member or from remaining a member of the Board by reason of his being interested or concerned

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in any contract for the supply of coal or any product of coal to the Board for the Board's use if such contract was entered into in accordance with subsection three of this section; and any payment made by or on behalf of the Board pursuant to such contract shall not operate to disqualify such person from continuing to hold office or be taken into account for the purpose of computing the amount that may lawfully be paid to him as a member of the Board in the same financial year in respect of any contract or contracts.

"(3)(a) Any contract or contracts with any person for the supply of coal or any product of coal to the Board for the Board's use with respect to which the payments made or to be made to such person by or on behalf of the Board do not exceed one hundred pounds 15 altogether in any financial year may be made in any

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manner authorized by law.

"(b) Any contract for the supply of coal or any product of coal to the Board for the Board's use, other than contracts mentioned in paragraph (a) of this 20 subsection, shall be made by public tender of which public notice shall have been given on at least two occasions in a newspaper circulating in the district, and no member of the Board who is carrying on the business of coal-mining or who is a member of a firm, 25 company, society, or association (whether incorporated or not) carrying on the business of coal-mining shall take part in the discussion on, or vote upon the question of, the acceptance of any such tender, and the Board in letting any such contract shall be governed by the 30 decision of the majority of the remaining members of the Board who are present at a special meeting of such members called in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-six of the Local Railways Act, 1914, for the purpose of considering tenders for such supply; 35 and in the event of an equality of votes such members shall appoint an umpire, whose decision shall be final."

3. This Act is in substitution for the Ohai Railway Board Amendment Act, 1934, and that Act is hereby accordingly repealed.

Substitution and repeal.

By Authority: E. V. PAUL, Government Printer, Wellington.-1943.