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RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL BILL, 1932.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Clause 2: Adding closed street to the Te Kuiti Domain (file L. and S. 1/107).—The street referred to, containing 1 rood and 35·2 perches, is fenced in with the Te Kuiti Domain and actually forms part of the sports and camping grounds. The present area of the domain is 6 acres 1 rood 38 perches. The Borough Council has closed the street under the powers conferred by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, and it is now desired to add the area to the domain which is under the control of the Borough Council. The Borough Council has approved of the proposal. There is no statutory authority under which the area can be incorporated in the domain, and special legislation is therefore necessary.

Clause 3: Authorizing the cancellation of forfeiture of certain leases over Sections 1, Block X, and 7 and 15, Block XI, Ohinemuri Survey District (file L. and S. 22/3990).—Section 1, Block X, was held by Emily Murland under a mining district land-occupation lease dated the 27th February, 1913, for a term of twenty-one years from the 1st July, 1913; Section 7, Block XI, was held by George Murland under a mining district land-occupation lease dated the 24th September, 1914, for a term of twenty-one years from the 1st January, 1915; and Section 15, Block XI, was held by George Murland under a Hauraki pastoral license dated the 18th October, 1918, for a term of twenty-one years from the 1st September, 1918. These leases were forfeited by the Auckland Land Board on the 29th September, 1931, for non-payment of rent, and the forfeitures were duly gazetted in the *Gazette* of the 14th January, 1932. Later the lessees arranged for the payment of the amounts outstanding, and the Land Board passed a resolution that the forfeitures should be rescinded. As, however, the forfeitures had been gazetted special statutory authority is required to revive the leases.

Clause 4: Authorizing the use for general domain purposes of certain trust funds held by the Uawa Domain Board (file L. and S. 1/219).—In 1921 certain funds were raised by public subscription in Tolaga Bay with a view to the formation of a public tennis-court on the Uawa Domain. The money collected was handed over to the Domain Board for use when the time was opportune to proceed with the project, and with interest now amounts to £26 6s. 8d. There is, however, no necessity to use this trust money for the purpose for which it was collected, as a tennis club formed in Tolaga Bay has acquired courts on property outside the domain boundaries, and additional facilities for the game are not required in the township. It is therefore desired that the trust money held by the Board should be available for general improvements to the domain, and the clause provides the necessary authority in this respect. The proposed diversion of the trust fund to general purposes has been placed before the public by means of newspaper advertisements, and no objections have been raised.

Clause 5: Validating a certain payment by the Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu Domain Board (file L. and S. 1/251).—The Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu Domain Board purchased certain goods for the improvement and maintenance of the domain from a Mr. J. C. Barclay, who besides being a member of the Board is also the local storekeeper. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding by the secretary, the Board omitted to make application to the Audit Office under section 99 of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928, for authority to make payment prior to the carrying-out of the contract, and legislation is therefore necessary to validate the matter. The goods were supplied by Mr. Barclay in good faith, and the price charged was a fair and a reasonable one.

Clause 6: Extending powers of Wanganui River Trust Board (file L. and S. 4/219).—Along the banks of the Wanganui River there are extensive areas of forest lands set apart for domain and scenic purposes. The domain areas are under the control of the Wanganui River Trust Board acting as a Domain Board, and the scenic

reserves are under the control of the Department of Lands and Survey. The question as to the control and protection of these reserves was discussed at a conference consisting of officers of the Lands and Survey Department and representatives of the River Trust, and the conclusions arrived at were that the Trust with its river organization was in the best position to look after the majority of these reserves (particularly those along the banks of the Wanganui River below the Ohura junction) and prevent trespass and damage. Subclauses (1) and (2) of the said clause make the necessary provision whereby the control and management of the scenic reserves in question may be vested in the Board in its capacity as a Domain Board, and will enable domain funds to be expended on the scenic reserves in the discretion of the Board. Subclause (3) is for the purpose of widening the powers of the Board in connection with the expenditure of the moneys derived from the sale of the timber on Reserve E, Block I, Hunua Survey District, comprising portion of the domain. The timber referred to was sold under the authority conferred by section 21 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1926. Under this last-mentioned enactment authority was given to dispose of the timber on Reserve E, and after deducting costs incidental to the disposal of the timber the sum of £3,200 was handed over to the Wanganui River Trust Domain Board. The said section 21 provided that the net amount realized should be used in or towards the purchase by the Board for domain purposes of other lands approved by the Minister of Lands, and until so used should be invested in such manner as the Minister of Finance might approve. A sum of £400 has been expended by the Board in the acquisition of other land near Taumarunui, and the balance of the amount—viz., £2,800—is invested in Wanganui City Council debentures, the interest therefrom being available for the ordinary purposes of the Board. In view of the fact that the permanent revenue of the Board is small and additional responsibilities will devolve upon that body in taking over the control of the scenic areas, it is desired to make the moneys referred to available for expenditure in the improvement and protection of the reserves under the control of the Board as well as for the acquisition of other land.

Clause 7: Adding land to Westport Harbour endowment (file L. and S. 28407).—The area of land containing 109 acres referred to in subclause (1) of this clause is an accretion to the Westport Harbour endowment land comprised in the Fourth Schedule to the Westland and Nelson Coal Fields Administration Act, 1877, and has been formed by the action of the sea consequent upon the construction of the breakwaters at Westport. It is desired that the accretion should be added to the said endowment in order that the land may be leased by the Nelson Land Board and the revenues derived therefrom paid to the Westport Harbour Account pursuant to the Westport Harbour Act, 1920. It is probable that further accretions in this locality will occur in the future, and subclause (2) is for the purpose of enabling such further accretions to be added to the endowment by way of Proclamation.

Clause 8: Cancelling the reservation and control over portion of a recreation reserve and vesting the same in the Corporation of Canterbury College as an addition to the museum-site, and creating a right of way over another portion of the museum-site in favour of the Corporation of the City of Christchurch (file L. and S. 1/562).—By the passing of the Public Domains Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1895, an area of 495 acres known as Hagley Park and the Government Domain in the Canterbury Land District was declared to be subject to the provisions of the Public Domains Act, 1881, and by the passing of the Christchurch Domains Amendment Act, 1913, a Board was set up called the Christchurch Domains Board to control the said area, which was thenceforth to be known as "Hagley Park and the Botanic Gardens." By the passing of section 120 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, the existing museum-site was vested in the Corporation of Canterbury College for the purpose of a museum, and by the passing of section 54 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925, the art-gallery site, situated immediately behind the museum, was vested in the Corporation of the City of Christchurch for the purpose of an art gallery. No access to the art gallery is available except that obtained over and through the portion of Hagley Park and the Botanic Gardens known as the

Botanic Gardens, and such access is subject to the by-laws of the Christchurch Domains Board, which restrict access after sundown. It is not considered desirable that the Botanic Gardens shall be opened to the public at such time or times after sundown as it is desired to use the art gallery, and it is desired to provide access to the art gallery by means of a right of way through and over a portion of the museum-site which the Corporation of Canterbury College has agreed to grant subject to certain conditions. In consideration of the granting of such right of way by the college the Domains Board has agreed to hand over to the college an area of nine and five-tenths perches as and for an addition to the present museum-site. The granting of this small area will not adversely affect the Botanic Gardens in any way, and will round off the boundaries of the museum-site and provide for possible future extensions of the museum buildings. The clause authorizes the vesting in the college of this area as an addition to the museum-site, and the granting of a right of way over another portion of the museum-site in favour of the Corporation of the City of Christchurch as owners of the art-gallery site subject to certain conditions. As there are no titles in existence for the several areas affected, the clause also provides that the District Land Registrar shall issue titles to the several parcels of land affected, and shall record on such titles the trusts, reservations, restrictions, and interests to which the lands will be subject on the passing of the clause.

Clause 9: Validating a certain payment by the Waikouaiti Domain Board (file L. and S. 1/192).—The Waikouaiti Domain Board purchased on the 14th November, 1930, an area of 50 acres, being part Section 7, Block VI, Hawksbury Survey District, at a price of £100, from Mr. Andrew Fell, who, as Mayor of Waikouaiti, was an *ex-officio* member of the Domain Board. The Board applied for and obtained approval under section 39 of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928, for this purchase, but at the time the fact that the vendor was a member of the Board, and as such unable to contract with the Board where the consideration exceeds £20, was overlooked. Legislation is therefore necessary to validate the matter. The price of the land was fair and reasonable, the freehold being valued at £125. The transfer has been completed, and the title is in the name of His Majesty the King.

Clause 10: Cancelling the reservation as a provisional State forest over certain land in the Southland Land District and setting the same apart as a scenic reserve (file L. and S. 9/2674).—The land dealt with in this clause contains an area of 315 acres, and is situated on the Tokanui-Haldane Road. It was set apart (with other land in the locality) as provisional State forest by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the 6th March, 1924, and comprises a valuable scenic asset. There is a strong desire in the district to have this bush made a scenic reserve, and as the area is undoubtedly very suitable for the purpose, it is proposed to set the same apart permanently under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908. The State Forest Service concurs, and the Scenery Preservation Board has recommended that the land be set apart as proposed herein.

Clause 11: Making provision for a site for a State Fire and Accident Insurance Office at Invercargill (file L. and S. 5506).—It is proposed in the near future to build a new State Fire Insurance Office in Esk Street, Invercargill. The site selected is to the north of the post-office, and comprises an area of one and nine-tenths perches of the Government Buildings Reserve, together with an adjoining area of seven and nine-tenths perches, the total area of the proposed site being thus nine and eight-tenths perches. The area of seven and nine-tenths perches is portion of an area of ten and seven-tenths perches which was originally portion of the Government Buildings Reserve, but which by section 66 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1912, was declared to be Crown land that might be sold to the Public Trustee. The Public Trust Office, however, erected premises in Don Street, and the proposed sale of the Esk Street site to the Public Trustee fell through. The clause amends section 66 of the 1912 Act by deleting the provision to sell to the Public Trustee, cancels the existing reservation over the small portion of the Government Buildings Reserve required for the new State Fire Office site, and declares that such area, together with the area of seven and nine-tenths perches previously referred to, may be sold to the

General Manager of the State Fire and Accident Insurance Office at a price to be determined by the Minister of Lands. The proposal has been approved by the Public Works Department and the General Post Office. A strip 10 ft. in width will be left as Crown land between the proposed new State Fire Office and the adjoining Athenæum Building. This strip will probably be paved with concrete-slabs, and will serve as a lighting-area between the buildings.

Clause 12 : Cancelling appropriation for a public park over certain land in the Nelson Land District and setting the same apart as a scenic reserve (file L. and S. 4/333).—The area of 46 acres 1 rood 5 perches dealt with in this clause was in 1907 appropriated for a public park, but the control thereof has never been vested in any board or local body, and it is considered that it would be difficult to secure effective control thereover while it remains a public park. The area is bush covered, and as a public park is a possible source of danger to the adjoining scenic reserve, which occupies a commanding position in full view of the main road and the railway in the Inangahua Valley. It is therefore desired to set the area apart under the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908. The Scenery Preservation Board has recommended that this land should be set apart as proposed herein.

Clause 13 : Making provision for the control and management of Ruapekapeka Pa Scenic Reserve (file L. and S. 590).—The Ruapekapeka Pa Scenic Board has no means of raising funds for the upkeep of the reserve, but the Kawakawa Domain Board is prepared to assist if authority is granted for the diversion of portion of its funds for the purposes of the scenic reserve. The two Boards have practically the same personnel, and the clause provides for the vesting of the control of the scenic reserve in the Domain Board and for the dissolution of the existing Scenic Board. Power is also provided for the expenditure of domain funds on the scenic reserve, and for the membership of the Domain Board to be increased beyond the existing statutory limit of nine members. The Board at present consists of nine members, and it is desired to increase the membership so as to permit of the appointment of a descendant of Maihi Kawiti, the famous chief who defended Ruapekapeka Pa against the British forces.

Clause 14 : Validating certificate of title, Volume 135, folio 148, Wellington Registry, and declaring part of original Section 20, Hutt Registration District, to be part of a street (file L. and S. 22/3056/1).—Owing to a mistake in the survey made many years ago, the certificate of title referred to in the clause (issued upon the bringing of the owners' land under the Land Transfer Act) was made to include a strip of railway land containing 4.56 perches and situated in the Borough of Lower Hutt. The certificate of title is invalid as to this strip. The title could be corrected under the provisions of the Land Transfer Act, but the owners having erected a brick building partly upon the land would have to be compensated to the extent of several hundreds of pounds. It is therefore considered advisable to validate the certificate of title, especially in view of the fact that the strip of land is not being used by and is not required by the Railway Department, which is prepared to relinquish the area upon payment of the unimproved value of £106 1s. Another small piece of railway land containing 0.21 perches in the same locality actually forms part of a street, and the clause also provides for the setting-apart of this area as part of the street.

Clause 15 : Special provision with respect to mining privileges for the supply of water to lands in the Downs Settlement and other lands in Otago Land District (file L. and S. 21/149/323).—The Downs Settlement, containing 4,789 acres, approximately, and situated near Lauder in Otago, was purchased as a group settlement under Part II of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928, for allotment to eight applicants. The settlement formed part of the property of Mr. and Mrs. John Beattie, of Cambrian, and they have retained an area within the subdivision. The property was dependent for water upon an irrigation race with an intake on the Dunstan Creek, and supplied with water under licenses issued under the Mining Act in the name of John Beattie. The water rights are essential to the farming of the lands, and it was therefore necessary for them to be acquired by the Crown as part of the scheme of settlement. Mr. Beattie required portion of the water rights for the farming of the lands retained by him, but

as the rights could not be conveniently apportioned between himself and the Crown, he agreed to transfer the rights in entirety subject to the Crown assuring to him the right to receive two heads of water from the race passing through the retained lands. Subsequently the Crown obtained further water rights deemed necessary in connection with the successful occupation of the subdivisions and for possible extension to other Crown land. The settlers are in occupation of the settlement subdivisions, and it is now essential that a proper system of control with respect to the water rights, maintenance of races, &c., should be established. The clause is for the purpose of conferring on the Minister of Lands the necessary powers in this respect, and for the carrying-out of the legal and administrative details in connection therewith. The clause also validates and confirms the Crown's purchase of the water rights as an essential factor in connection with the settlement of the land.

Clause 16: Cancelling reservation over Guthrie Domain and river-bank reserve, and making the land available for Native-land-development purposes (file L. and S. 1/869).—In order to round off the boundaries of the Horohoro Native Land Development Block, and to give portion thereof frontage to the Atiamuri-Rotorua Road, it is desired to include in the block a river-bank reserve area on the Pokaitu Stream, and also the land comprised in the Guthrie Domain. There are no objections to the river-bank reserve area, which comprises some 11 acres, being so dealt with, and the same applies to the domain of 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. No improvements have been effected on the domain, and the controlling Board has agreed to the proposal. A more suitable recreation area is to be made available out of Native land in the vicinity. The clause cancels the reservation over the river-bank reserve area and the domain, and provides that they shall become portion of the Native-land-development area. Provision is also made for the setting-apart of a new domain to meet the needs of the locality. It is proposed also to include a travelling-stock reserve of 16 acres in the development block. This, however, can be done under existing statutory authority. A new stock-paddock in a more convenient position will be set apart in its place out of Native land.

Clause 17: Extension of provisions of section 124 of the Land Act, 1924.—By section 124 of the Land Act, 1924, power is given whereby the Land Board, with the approval of the Minister of Lands, may, in cases of hardship, grant to Crown tenants remissions of rent for any period or periods not exceeding five years in the aggregate, or postponements to such date or dates as may be determined, of rents not exceeding five years in the aggregate. Pursuant to certain authorities some endowments, such as high-school reserves, the Clutha River Trust Endowment, &c., are administered not by the authorities in which they are vested but by the Land Board. Furthermore, certain education reserves are occupied under leases issued under the Land Act. Owing to the prevailing depression many of the tenants of these endowments and reserves are finding difficulty in paying their rents. As they are not Crown tenants within the meaning of the Land Act there is no power to grant them relief under section 124 of the Land Act, 1924. It is desired to extend the provisions of this section so as to make the same applicable to tenants of these endowments and reserves, with the consent of the authorities in which such endowments or reserves are vested, and the clause makes provision accordingly.

Clause 18: Amending section 60 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924.—By section 60 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, the right was conferred on the holders of leases within the Taumarunui Township Extension No. 1 to acquire the fee-simple of the lands comprised in their leases at any time before the 6th day of November, 1927—that is, during a period within three years after the passing of that Act. This right was similar to that conferred on lessees of lands within Native townships. As there are a number of lessees in the above-mentioned area who did not take advantage of this concession within the prescribed time and who now desire to have an opportunity of acquiring the fee-simple of their holdings, this clause amends section 60 in the direction of enabling such lessees to exercise their right at any time during the currency of their leases. The opportunity is taken of including in the clause provisions

validating certain deferred payment licenses of lands in the locality mentioned which, through inadvertence, are purported to have been granted in exchange for surrendered leases pursuant to the provisions of section 60 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal, &c., Act, 1924, section 33 of the Native Land Amendment, &c., Act, 1927, and other authority, but without sufficient statutory authority so to do.

Clause 19: Modifying provisions of section 8 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1932.—By section 8 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1932, power is given whereby owners of leases granted for the growing, cutting, and removing of flax, may, with the approval of the Land Board and the Minister of Lands, surrender such leases and obtain in exchange therefor new flax leases for any period not exceeding thirty-three years, with or without right of renewal for a further like term, subject to certain protection for improvements. This amendment was enacted for the purpose of encouraging flax-culture, giving opportunities for the employment of the large amount of labour necessary for that industry, and providing a tenure on which owners of flax leases could offer a better security for finance. As it is now found that the maximum term of thirty-three years is regarded as rather short in some cases where security has to be given for financial accommodation involving considerable amounts, it is desired to obtain power whereby in cases where flax lands are evidently not suitable for farming purposes new leases may be granted in special cases for any term not exceeding sixty-six years, with or without right of renewal for a further like term. This clause makes provision accordingly.

Clause 20: Granting to lessee of land in Tutira Block, Hawke's Bay Land District, protection for improvements (file L. and S. 26/27508).—Mr. W. R. Paterson, a discharged soldier, holds a lease of 1,300 acres in the Tutira Block originally granted to Arama Pohio by the Maori Land Board. The lease is for a term of twenty-six years and a half from the 5th February, 1911. The Crown has acquired extensive interests in the Tutira Block, including the land comprised in Mr. Paterson's lease. In 1927 Mr. Paterson petitioned Parliament praying that he be compensated for his improvements or, in the alternative, that he be placed on the same footing as the sublessees of Mr. Guthrie Smith who holds a lease of land in the Tutira Block covered by the Crown's purchase. The legislation dealing with the rights of the said sublessees is contained in sections 45 and 46 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal, &c., Act, 1923, as amended by sections 86 and 87 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal, &c., Act, 1924, which gives to those tenants the rights with respect to the acquisition of the freehold or of obtaining a renewable lease subject to the provisions contained in section 471 of the Native Land Act, 1931. The special legislation referred to also gives protection to the said sublessees for their improvements. Mr. Paterson's petition was referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and Cabinet, in December, 1927, after reviewing the position, decided that legislation should be drafted after the land had been acquired by the Crown. Mr. Paterson was advised on the 9th January, 1928, that the Government had decided to grant legal protection for his improvements when the land was finally acquired by the Crown. The Crown's interests in Tutira Block have recently been determined by the Native Land Court, and the legislation is necessary to give effect to the promise made to Mr. Paterson.

Hon. Mr. Ransom.

RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL.

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No. 56—1.

A BILL INTITULED

Title. AN ACT to provide for the Sale, Reservation, and other Disposition of certain Reserves, Crown Lands, Endowments, and other Lands, to validate certain Transactions, and to make Provision in respect of certain other Matters. 5

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

Short Title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1932. 10

Adding closed street to Te Kuiti Domain.

2. Whereas the closed street in the Borough of Te Kuiti hereinafter described was closed by the Te Kuiti Borough Council under the provisions in that behalf of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920: And whereas it is desired by the said Council that the land comprised in the said street closed as aforesaid should be added to the Te Kuiti Domain: Be it therefore enacted as follows:— 15

(1) The parcel of land hereinafter described, being the closed street hereinbefore referred to, is hereby declared to be subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928, and to form part of the Te Kuiti Domain, and to be subject to the control of the Te Kuiti Domain Board. 20 25

(2) The parcel of land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing one rood and thirty-five and two-tenths perches, more or less, being Section 32, Block III, Otanake Survey District: as the same is delineated on plan marked L. and S. 1/107, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red. 30

Authorizing the cancellation of forfeiture of certain leases over Sections 1, Block X, and 7 and 15, Block XI, Ohinemuri Survey District.

3. Whereas the Land Board of the Auckland Land District, by resolution dated the twenty-ninth day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, forfeited the interests of Emily Murland and George Murland in their leases of the lands described in subsection *three* hereof for failure to comply with the conditions of their leases, and notice of such forfeiture was duly published in the *Gazette* of the fourteenth day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-two: And whereas it is deemed expedient to cancel the said forfeiture: Be it therefore enacted as follows:— 35 40

(1) The Minister of Lands is hereby empowered, by notice in the *Gazette*, to cancel the forfeiture of the leases hereinbefore referred to; and thereupon the said leases, and all mortgages and encumbrances (if any) affecting
5 the same, shall operate and be deemed to have continued to operate as if the leases had not been forfeited as aforesaid.

(2) On presentation to him of a copy of the *Gazette* containing a notice under this section the District
10 Land Registrar for the Auckland Land Registration District shall make such entries in the Registers as are necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

(3) The lands to which this section relates are more particularly described as follows:—

15 All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement sixteen acres, more or less, being Section 1, Block X, Ohinemuri Survey District, and being all the land in certificate of title, Volume 285, folio 17:

20 Also all that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement ninety-eight acres two roods, more or less, being Section 7, Block XI, Ohinemuri Survey District, and being all the land in certificate of title, Volume 286, folio 275:

25 Also all that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement one hundred and eighty-six acres thirty-two perches, more or less, being Section 15, Block XI, Ohinemuri Survey District, and being all the land in certificate of title, Volume 287, folio 199.

30 4. Whereas the sum of twenty-six pounds six shillings and eightpence is held by the Uawa Domain Board in trust for the purpose of forming a public tennis-court on the Uawa Domain: And whereas the necessity for forming a tennis-court as aforesaid no longer exists, and
35 it is desired to transfer the said sum to the Board's general account: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Authorizing the use for general domain purposes of certain trust funds held by the Uawa Domain Board.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or rule of law the Uawa Domain Board is hereby
40 empowered to transfer the said sum of twenty-six pounds six shillings and eightpence to its general account, and to apply the same towards the general management, administration, and improvement of the Uawa Domain.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or rule of law, the payment during the financial year

Validating a certain payment by the Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu Domain Board.

ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, by the Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu Domain Board to John Crabb Barclay, a member of the said Board, of the sum of twelve pounds one shilling and fivepence for certain material supplied by him is hereby 5 validated and declared to have been lawfully made by the said Board and to have been lawfully received by the said John Crabb Barclay.

Extending
powers of
Wanganui River
Trust Board.

6. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, the Governor-General 10 may from time to time, by Warrant under his hand, vest the control and management of any scenic reserve situated in the vicinity of the Wanganui River in the Wanganui River Trust Board in its capacity as a Domain Board upon such trusts and with such powers and subject to 15 such conditions as are declared in such Warrant.

(2) Subject to such Warrant, the Board shall have and may exercise with respect to any scenic reserve so placed under its control and management all the powers which it has with respect to the lands under its control 20 and administration as a public domain, and may from time to time expend any domain funds in or towards the improvement, maintenance, and protection of such scenic reserve.

(3) Subsection four of section twenty-one of the 25 Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1926, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Minister of Lands," the words "or in or towards the improvement, maintenance, and protection of the domain or other lands now or hereafter placed under the control and 30 management of the said Board".

Adding land to
Westport
Harbour
Endowment.

7. (1) The land described in subsection *three* hereof shall be administered in all respects as if it formed part of the lands described in the Fourth Schedule to the Westland and Nelson Coal Fields Administration Act, 35 1877.

(2) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Proclamation, declare that any accretion formed by the action of the sea to the said land shall also be 40 administered as aforesaid.

(3) The land to which subsection *one* hereof relates is particularly described as follows :—

All that area in the Nelson Land District, containing by admeasurement one hundred and nine acres, more or

- (b) A full and free right from time to time to break up and open the surface of the said land for the purpose of laying, cleansing, and repairing and relaying such drains as the Corporation may require. 5
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *last preceding* subsection,—
- (a) The Canterbury College, or any other owner for the time being of the land adjoining the said land on the north and south thereof, shall at 10 all times be entitled to erect, maintain, and project or suspend any buildings over the said land, at a height of not less than fifteen feet from the ground-level of the said land at the passing of this Act, and may excavate the said 15 land and lay and for ever keep laid and maintained, in any such excavation below the surface, all such footings and foundations as in the opinion of the Canterbury College or other owner as aforesaid may be fit and proper as 20 the foundation or as part of the foundation of any wall or support to be erected on such adjoining land, and may also erect and use scaffolding on the said land for the purpose of erecting any such wall or support, provided 25 that every such excavation shall, on the completion of the work for which it was made, be filled in and levelled to the satisfaction of the Corporation :
- (b) The said land shall at all times be suitably formed, 30 fenced, and maintained by the Corporation (or the successor in title of the Corporation), which shall erect and maintain suitable gates giving access to the said land, and may, subject to the restrictions as to user of the said right of 35 way and passage contained in paragraph (a) of the *last preceding* subsection, open and close such gates at such times as it deems desirable :
- (c) No dedication of the said land as a highway shall be presumed from anything contained in this 40 section or from the exercise of any of the rights and powers hereby conferred.
- (4) The District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Canterbury is hereby empowered and directed to issue such certificates of title and to bring 45

down thereon such memorials as may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing provisions of this section and section one hundred and twenty of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, and section fifty-four of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1925.

(5) The land to which subsection *one* hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement nine and five-tenths perches, more or less, and being part of Reserve No. 25, situated in the City of Christchurch, and bounded by lines commencing at a point distant 403·72 links, bearing 266° 44', from the Standard Survey Stone at the intersection of Rolleston Avenue and Worcester Street; thence southerly 60 links, bearing 179° 9'; thence westerly 100 links, bearing 269° 49' 5"; thence northerly 60 links, bearing 359° 49' 5"; thence easterly 99·3 links, bearing 89° 49' 5", to the point of commencement: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/562, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

(6) The land to which subsections *two* and *three* hereof relate is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement ten and eight-tenths perches, more or less, and being part of Reserve Number 25, situated in the City of Christchurch, and bounded by lines commencing at a point distant 261·49 links, bearing 330° 18' 33", from the Standard Survey Stone at the intersection of Rolleston Avenue and Worcester Street; thence westerly 373·65 links, bearing 269° 49' 5"; thence northerly 18·18 links, bearing 359° 49' 5"; thence easterly 373·65 links, bearing 89° 49' 5"; thence southerly 18·18 links, bearing 179° 49' 5", to the point of commencement: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/562, deposited in Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered yellow.

9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or rule of law, the payment during the financial year ended the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, by the Waikouaiti Domain Board to Andrew Fell, a member of the said Board, of the sum

Validating a certain payment by the Waikouaiti Domain Board.

of one hundred pounds, being the purchase price of part Section 7, Block VI, Hawksbury Survey District, area fifty acres, more or less, for the purpose of addition to the said Waikouaiti Domain, is hereby validated and declared to have been lawfully made by the said Board and to have been lawfully received by the said Andrew Fell. 5

Canelling the reservation as a provisional State forest over certain land in Southland Land District, and setting the same apart as a scenic reserve.

10. Whereas by Proclamation published in the *Gazette* of the sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, the land hereinafter described was, with certain other land, set apart as a provisional State forest, and is now subject to the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921-22: And whereas it is desirable that the said land should be set apart as a scenic reserve, subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, as recommended by the Board constituted under that Act: Be it therefore enacted as follows:— 10 15

(1) The reservation for provisional State forest purposes over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set apart as a scenic reserve, subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908. 20

(2) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement three hundred and fifteen acres, more or less, being Section 49, Block VI, Otara Survey District, and bounded as follows: towards the west generally by Section 51, Block VI, Otara Survey District, and Petersen Road; towards the north-west by Hagen Road; towards the north-east by the Tokanui-Haldane Road; and towards the south generally by Section 52, Block VI, Otara Survey District: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 9/2674B, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red. 25 30 35

Making provision for a site for a State Fire and Accident Insurance Office at Invercargill.

11. Whereas by the Invercargill Public Offices Site Act, 1875, the land described in the First Schedule thereto was vested in Her Majesty as a public reserve for public offices or for the purpose of other public buildings for the use of the General Government of the Colony of New Zealand: And whereas by section sixty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering 40

Act, 1912, part of the public buildings reserve as aforesaid was declared to be Crown land which might be sold to the Public Trustee: And whereas the area declared to be Crown land as aforesaid is not now required by the
5 Public Trustee, and it is desired to dispose of portion of the same, together with portion of the adjoining public buildings reserve, as a site for a State Fire and Accident Insurance Office: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) Section sixty-six of the Reserves and other Lands
10 Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1912, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one thereof all words after the words "Crown land".

(2) The reservation over the land described in subsection *four* hereof, being portion of the public buildings
15 reserve hereinbefore referred to, is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby declared to be Crown land.

(3) The land described in subsection *five* hereof, being the land referred to in the *last preceding* subsection, together with portion of the area dealt with in section
20 sixty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1912, may be sold to the State Fire Insurance General Manager at a price to be determined by the Minister of Lands.

(4) The land to which subsection *two* hereof relates
25 is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement one perch and nine-tenths of a perch, more or less, being Section 1, Block XC (formerly part of the Invercargill Public Offices Site), Town of
30 Invercargill: bounded towards the north by Esk Street, 11·6 links; towards the east by Section 2, 100·93 links; towards the south and west by other part of the Invercargill Public Offices Site, 11·6 links and 100·93 links respectively; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less:
35 as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 5506A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red.

(5) The land to which subsection *three* hereof relates
40 is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Southland Land District, containing by admeasurement nine perches and eight-tenths of a perch, more or less, being Sections 1 and 2, Block XC (formerly part of the Invercargill Public Offices Site),

Town of Invercargill: bounded towards the north by Esk Street, 60·61 links; towards the east by Section 3, 100·93 links; towards the south by Crown land and part of the Invercargill Public Offices Site, 60·61 links; towards the west by part of the Invercargill Public Offices Site, 100·93 links; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 5506A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon edged red and green.

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Cancelling appropriation for a public park over certain land in Nelson Land District, and setting the same apart as a scenic reserve.

12. Whereas the land hereinafter described was appropriated for a public park by Warrant published in the *Gazette* of the second day of May, nineteen hundred and seven, and the said land is now subject to the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928: And whereas it is desirable that the said land should be set apart as a scenic reserve, subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, as recommended by the Board constituted under that Act: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1) The appropriation for a public park over the land hereinafter described is hereby cancelled, and the said land is hereby set apart as a scenic reserve, subject to the provisions of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

(2) The land to which this section relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Nelson Land District, containing forty-six acres one rood five perches, more or less, being part of Section 15, Block VIII, Inangahua Survey District: as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 4/333, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

Making provision for the control and management of Ruapekapeka Pa Scenic Reserve.

13. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, the Governor-General may by Warrant under his hand vest the control of the reserve known as the Ruapekapeka Pa Scenic Reserve in the Domain Board for the time being having the control and management of the Kawakawa Domain, with such powers and subject to such conditions as may be declared in such Warrant. Any such Warrant may be in like manner amended or revoked.

(2) Upon the gazetting of any such Warrant vesting the control of the scenic reserve as aforesaid, the existing

appointment of the Ruapekapeka Pa Scenic Board, under the provisions of section thirteen of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, shall cease and determine.

5 (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928, the Kawakawa Domain Board may in any year apply such portion of its general funds as may be determined by the Minister of Lands towards the management, administration, and upkeep of the Ruapeka-
10 peka Pa Scenic Reserve.

(4) The Kawakawa Domain Board may, notwithstanding the limitation of membership imposed by section forty-four of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National
15 Parks Act, 1928, consist of not more than ten members, and such additional appointments of members as may be necessary to bring the membership up to that number may from time to time be made by the Governor-General in Council.

14. Whereas the land hereinafter in this section
20 described was, with other land, taken by Proclamation, and is vested in His Majesty the King for railway purposes: And whereas the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 135, folio 148, Wellington Land Registry, of which the registered proprietors are Peter Macarthur
25 Cameron and George Sykes, erroneously includes that part of the said land first hereinafter described, and is therefore invalid as to such part: And whereas the said land is not required for railway purposes and it is desirable to validate the said certificate of title as to
30 the land so erroneously included in it and to declare the land secondly hereinafter described to be part of the street giving access to the said land: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Validating certificate of title, Volume 135, folio 148, Wellington Registry, and declaring part of original Section 20, Hutt Registration District, to be part of a street.

(1) The title to all that parcel of land in the Borough
35 of Lower Hutt, containing by admeasurement four perches and fifty-six one hundredths of a perch, more or less, being Railway Reserve, formerly part of Section 20, Hutt Registration District, as the same is more particularly delineated and coloured yellow on a plan deposited in the
40 Office of the Chief Surveyor, at Wellington, and numbered 250/41, is hereby divested from His Majesty the King and vested in the said Peter Macarthur Cameron and George Sykes, and for all purposes shall be deemed to have become so vested in them on the thirty-first day
45 of January, nineteen hundred and five.

(2) The said certificate of title, Volume 135, folio 148, is hereby validated.

(3) All that parcel of land in the Borough of Lower Hutt, containing by admeasurement twenty-one one-hundredths of a perch, more or less, being Railway Reserve, formerly part of Section 20, Hutt Registration District, as the same is more particularly delineated and coloured blue on the said plan, is hereby declared to be part of the street giving access to the said land. 5

(4) Compensation amounting to one hundred and six pounds one shilling for the said land described in subsection *one* hereof is hereby authorized for payment to the Public Works Fund, in terms of subsection four of section fifty-three of the Finance Act, 1930, as amended by section twenty-five of the Finance Act, 1931 (No. 2). 10

Special provision with respect to mining privileges for the supply of water to lands in the Downs Settlement and other lands in Otago Land District.

15. Whereas the land mentioned in subsection *four* hereof forms part of the Downs Settlement and was purchased by His Majesty the King as to part thereof from John Beattie, and as to other part thereof from Rachel Wilson Beattie, under section four of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928: And whereas with the said land there were acquired from the said John Beattie the mining privileges in respect of water mentioned in subsection *five* hereof, such privileges being regarded as necessary for the proper utilization of the land comprised in that Settlement: And whereas it was subsequently deemed necessary for His Majesty to apply for and acquire the further mining privileges in respect of water mentioned in subsection *six* hereof, and such privileges were duly acquired: And whereas the Downs Settlement has been subdivided in manner contemplated by the said section four of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1928, and the several subdivisions have been acquired by way of purchase on deferred payments by the persons (hereinafter called the purchasers) on whose application the Downs Settlement was acquired by His Majesty as hereinbefore recited: And whereas the purchase price of each of the said subdivisions includes a proportionate part of the amount paid by His Majesty in respect of the acquisition of all the aforesaid mining privileges in respect of water (hereinafter collectively referred to as the said privileges): And whereas it is deemed advisable that His Majesty should continue to hold and to administer the said privileges: And whereas for that purpose it is advisable to confer certain powers on the Minister of Lands (hereinafter called the Minister): And whereas by memorandum of 20 25 30 35 40

agreement, bearing date the twenty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty, it was agreed by His Majesty to secure to the aforesaid John Beattie and Rachel Wilson Beattie the right to receive a total of two heads
5 of water for delivery to the lands described in subsection *seven* hereof : And whereas it is desirable to empower the Minister to supply water under the said privileges to other lands not forming part of the Downs Settlement : Be it therefore enacted as follows :—

10 (1) The Downs Settlement and the said privileges shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully acquired by His Majesty, and the said privileges shall, together with all water-races heretofore or hereafter
15 constructed in connection therewith, continue to be held in the name of His Majesty. The expression “ water-race ” shall throughout this section have the meaning assigned to it by section three of the Water-supply Act, 1908, and shall apply in all respects as if all water-races and other
20 works and things mentioned in the said definition which are now existing or may hereafter be made or constructed in relation to the said privileges had been constructed by or under the authority of a County Council or Water-supply Board as in the said definition mentioned.

25 (2) For the purpose of the proper control and administration of the said privileges and water-races while held in the name of His Majesty, the Minister—

(a) May by notice in the *Gazette* define an area within which water may be supplied under the said
30 privileges for irrigation purposes, or for domestic or household use, or for watering stock, or for any one or more of such purposes, and such area shall include the Downs Settlement and the lands described in subsection *seven* hereof, and may in the discretion of the Minister also
35 include other lands not forming part of the said Settlement, and the Minister may from time to time in like manner alter the boundaries of such area by the inclusion therein of any other lands or the exclusion therefrom of any lands
40 other than the lands in the Downs Settlement and the lands described in subsection *seven* hereof :

(b) Shall have and may exercise in respect of the said
45 privileges and water-races all the powers, rights, duties, and authorities conferred on the Minister

of Public Works by section two hundred and seventy-five of the Public Works Act, 1928, in respect of water-races and water-supply works to which that section is applicable :

Provided however that paragraph (b) of the said section shall not apply to the said privileges or water-races :

- (c) May construct any additional water-races or water-supply works which in his opinion are advisable or necessary for the fuller use or enjoyment of the said privileges :
- (d) May in the name and on behalf of His Majesty enter into agreements in such form as the Minister may approve with any owner or occupier of any lands within the area for the time being defined under paragraph (a) of this subsection in respect of the supply of water and the price or rate of payment therefor (if any), and the provisions of sections two hundred and seventy-eight, two hundred and seventy-nine, and two hundred and eighty of the Public Works Act, 1928, shall, with such modifications as the Governor-General by Order in Council may from time to time direct, apply to every such agreement :
- (e) May delegate to a committee of the persons for the time being entitled to a supply of water under the provisions of this section (but subject to such conditions as he thinks fit to impose) the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred on him by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection.

(3) Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to bind His Majesty or the Minister to construct or to maintain any water-race, or channel, or anything whatsoever pertaining to a water-race, or to the delivery of water ; nor shall anything contained in this section be construed as relieving from the payment of his proportionate share of the cost of maintenance and control of the said water-races, or other expenses, any person entitled to the use or delivery of water from the said water-races, whether or not such use or delivery is without charge.

(4) The land purchased by His Majesty from John Beattie and Rachel Wilson Beattie, and forming part of the Downs Settlement, is particularly described in a

notification under the hand of the Minister published in the *Gazette* of the second day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

(5) The mining privileges in respect of water acquired by His Majesty, as hereinbefore recited, from John Beattie are the following—namely, license for a water-race, Number 2639, dated twenty-fourth October, nineteen hundred and seven, license for a water-race, Number 4690, dated eighth August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, both such licenses being registered at the office of the Mining Registrar at Naseby.

(6) The further mining privileges in respect of water acquired by His Majesty, as hereinbefore recited, for the purposes of the Downs Settlement are the following—namely, license for a water-race, Number 4892, license for a branch-race, Number 4893, license for a branch-race, Number 4894, license for a branch-race, Number 4895, license for a branch-race, Number 4896, license for a flood-race, Number 4897, license for a flood-race, Number 4898, license for a flood-race, Number 4899, license for a flood-race, Number 4900, license for a flood-race, Number 4901, all such licenses being registered at the office of the Mining Registrar at Naseby, and dated the first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty.

(7) The lands held by John Beattie and Rachel Wilson Beattie to which His Majesty has agreed to secure the right to receive two heads of water as hereinbefore recited are Section 4, Block X, and Sections 6 and 7, Block VII, Blackstone Survey District, Otago Land District.

16. (1) The reservation for the purposes of a public domain over the Guthrie Domain as described in subsection *five* hereof is hereby cancelled and the appointment of the Guthrie Domain Board is hereby revoked, and the said land is hereby declared to be vested in His Majesty to be held, administered, and dealt with under the provisions of section five hundred and twenty-two of the Native Land Act, 1931.

Cancelling reservation over Guthrie Domain and river-bank reserve, and making the land available for Native-land-development purposes.

(2) The Governor-General may by Order in Council set apart as a public domain in lieu of the Guthrie Domain hereinbefore referred to such portion as he may deem expedient of the land known as Rotomahana-Parekarangi Number 6A Section 2 Number 4B Number 1A Number 1B Block, which said land is held by His Majesty subject to the provisions of section five hundred and twenty-two of the Native Land Act, 1931,

under certificate of title, Volume 356, folio 96, Auckland Registry. On the issue of such Order in Council as aforesaid the land so set apart shall be managed, administered, and dealt with in all respects as a public domain under and subject to the provisions of Part II of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928. 5

(3) The reservation for the purposes of a river-bank reserve over the land described in subsection *six* hereof is hereby cancelled, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section one hundred and twenty-nine of the Land Act, 1924, the said land is hereby declared to be vested in His Majesty to be held, administered, and dealt with under the provisions of section five hundred and twenty-two of the Native Land Act, 1931. 10

(4) On deposit in the Land Registry Office at Auckland of sufficient plans of the lands affected, the District Land Registrar for the Land Registration District of Auckland is hereby empowered and directed to amend or cancel any existing certificate of title and to issue such new certificates of title as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section. 15 20

(5) The land to which subsection *one* hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement nineteen acres three roods, more or less, being Section 11, Block XIV, Horohoro Survey District: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/869, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red. 25 30

(6) The land to which subsection *three* hereof relates is particularly described as follows:—

All that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement eleven acres, more or less, being a river-bank reserve adjoining Sections 11 and 12, Block XIV, Horohoro Survey District, and bounded as follows: commencing at a point where the left bank of the Pokaitu Stream meets a public road; thence towards the east generally by a public road and by Sections 11 and 12 as aforesaid; towards the south by a river-bank reserve adjoining Section 10, Block XIV, Horohoro Survey District; and towards the west generally by the Pokaitu Stream: as the same is delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 1/869A, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon coloured red. 35 40 45

17. The provisions of section one hundred and twenty-four of the Land Act, 1924, are hereby extended so as to apply, notwithstanding anything contained in that section, to the holder of any lease or license issued under
5 any other authority than the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908, of any land set apart as an endowment for educational or other purposes and administered by a Land Board pursuant to any lawful authority :

Extension of provisions of section 124 of the Land Act, 1924.

10 Provided that no remission or postponement of rent shall be granted hereunder to the lessee or licensee of an education reserve vested in the Crown without the prior consent of the Minister of Education, and no remission or postponement of rent shall be granted to the lessee or licensee of an endowment vested in any other authority
15 without the prior consent of such authority.

18. Whereas by section sixty of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, the right was conferred on the holders of leases within the Taumarunui Township Extension Number 1 to
20 acquire the fee-simple of the lands comprised in their leases before the sixth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven: And whereas it is desired to extend the time during which such right may be exercised: And whereas divers persons have acquired
25 the fee-simple of their sections on deferred payments since the aforesaid date and before the passing of this Act: And whereas certain deferred-payment licenses have been issued in pursuance of section sixty of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies
30 Empowering Act, 1924, or section thirty-three of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927, and it is doubtful whether there was authority for the issue of the said licenses: And whereas it is desired to validate the issue of the said
35 deferred-payment licenses: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

Amending section 60 of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924.

(1) Subsection one of section sixty of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, is hereby amended as from the passing of that Act
40 by omitting from subsection one thereof the words "within a period of three years after the passing of this Act", and substituting the words "during the currency of his lease".

(2) All deferred-payment licenses issued without sufficient authority as aforesaid, in purported pursuance of the provisions of section thirty-three of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1927, or of the provisions of any other authority in respect of the lands described in subsection *three* hereof, shall be deemed to be and always to have been valid and effectual. 5

(3) The land to which subsection *two* hereof relates is particularly described as follows:— 10

All those areas in the Taumarunui Township Extension Number 1 (formerly part of Ohura South G No. 3c, Section 8), situated in the Auckland Land District, and being Section 7, Block I, containing one rood; Section 1, Block II, containing thirty-six and eight-tenths perches; Section 3, Block II, containing thirty-six and eight-tenths perches; Section 4, Block II, containing thirty-six and eight-tenths perches; Section 5, Block II, containing thirty-six and eight-tenths perches; Section 8, Block IV, containing one rood; Section 9, Block IV, containing one rood; and Section 1, Block V, containing thirty-one and nine-tenths perches. 15 20

Modifying provisions of section 8 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1932.

19. Where application is made for a new lease under section eight of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1932, for the purpose of the growing, cutting, or removing of flax, and the Land Board and the Minister of Lands are of the opinion that the land comprised in the surrendered lease is suitable only for the growing of flax, and that, having regard to financial reasons it is expedient that the term of the new lease should be for a longer term than the maximum term of any lease that may be granted under the authority of that section, the new lease may, notwithstanding anything contained in that section, be for any term not exceeding sixty-six years, with or without a right of renewal for a like term. 25 30 35

Granting to lessee of land in Tutira Block, Hawke's Bay Land District, protection for improvements.

20. Whereas by deed of lease dated the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and eleven, and registered in the Deeds Register Office at Napier under number 45417, the Ikaroa District Maori Land Board leased an area of approximately thirteen hundred acres of the Tutira Block to Arama Pohio for the term of twenty-six years and a half from the fifth day of February, nineteen hundred and eleven: And whereas the said lease is now vested in William Raeburn Paterson: And whereas the Crown has acquired from the Native owners their interests in 40

portion of the Tutira Block aforesaid, including the land comprised in the said lease, and it is desirable that the aforesaid lessee should be afforded protection for his improvements in the exercise by him of any rights conferred by section four hundred and seventy-one of the Native Land Act, 1931: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

The rights conferred by section four hundred and seventy-one of the Native Land Act, 1931, on the aforesaid lessee, William Raeburn Paterson, with respect to the land comprised in the said lease dated the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and eleven, shall, when exercisable by him, be deemed to be the rights of a tenant who holds under a lease containing a provision for payment of compensation for improvements, save that the improvements valued by the Valuer-General at one thousand two hundred and ninety pounds, in respect of which the Crown purchased from the Native owners the reversionary and other interests therein, shall not be deemed to be improvements effected by the tenant or improvements for which the tenant is entitled to be compensated.