This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

28th July, 1903.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

ROAD AND TOWN DISTRICTS RATING.

ANALYSIS.

Title.

Short Title. 2. Increase of rating-power. 3. Separate rates in road districts divided into subdivisions. Repeal.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to extend the Rating-powers of Road Boards and Town Title. Boards.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand 5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:---

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Road and Town Dis- Short Title. tricts Rating Act, 1903."

2. The maximum general rate that may be made and levied in Increase of rating-10 any year in any road or town district shall be a rate of three half- power. pence in the pound on the capital value of the rateable property of the district, or its equivalent on the unimproved value, or two shillings in the pound on the annual value, as the case may be.

3. (1.) In road districts divided into subdivisions, no separate Separate rates in 15 rates made and levied in any year shall, together with the general divided into rates, exceed in any subdivision the amount of the maximum general subdivisions. rate aforesaid.

(2.) Section one hundred and seventeen of "The Road Boards Repeal. Act, 1882," is hereby repealed.

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