

Hon. Sir F. Whitaker.

RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, AND EDUCATIONAL TRUSTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1856." 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 is "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act Amendment Act, 1889." Short Title.

2. In the construction of "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act, 1856," the term "office-bearers" shall, in addition to the Roman Catholic Bishops of Auckland, be deemed to include the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington, and the Roman Catholic Bishops of Christchurch and Dunedin, and any other Roman Catholic Archbishop or Bishop who may be hereafter appointed to any place or charge in New Zealand. Interpretation of term "office-bearers."

3. In the construction of "The Roman Catholic Lands Act, 1876," and of all other Acts to be passed relating to the vesting and transfer of lands belonging to the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand, unless such construction shall be inconsistent with the context, "Bishop" shall include "Archbishop," and "diocese" shall include "archdiocese." "Bishop" to include "Archbishop."

4. In relation to the status of a Roman Catholic Bishop in New Zealand as a corporation sole under "The Roman Catholic Lands Act, 1876," and for the purposes of the trusts of lands and hereditaments belonging to the Church of Rome within any diocese in New Zealand,— Succession of Bishop by Archbishop and vice versa not to affect his status as a corporation sole.

(1.) Where the Roman Catholic Bishop of any diocese becomes created an Archbishop in the same diocese, such Archbishop shall, from the date of such promotion, be deemed to have been and shall be the same corporation sole as that of the aforesaid Bishop previous to such promotion; and

(2.) Where any Bishop or Archbishop is succeeded in the same diocese by another Archbishop or Bishop, such last-mentioned Archbishop or Bishop, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be the same corporation sole as his predecessor or predecessors in the said diocese. 5

Repeal.

5. "The Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Act Amendment Act, 1875," is hereby repealed.

By Authority: GEORGE DIBSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1889.

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