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, 3rd August, 1886.

Hon. Sir J. Vogel.

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS AND INSTRUMENTS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act for further Facilitating the Registration of Deeds and Title. Instruments.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Deeds and Instruments Short Title. Registration Act, 1886."

2. In this Act-

Interpretation.

"Instrument" has the same meaning as is given to the said term in "The Deeds Registration Act, 1868," and "The 10 Land Transfer Act, 1885," respectively, and includes all documents included in the aforesaid definitions respectively:

> "Registrar" means the Registrar of Deeds or District Land Registrar for the Land or Deeds Registration District within which any instrument is required to be registered.

3. The Governor may from time to time appoint in and for each District Agents such registration district fit and proper persons to act as District may be appointed for transmitting Agents, to receive and transmit to the Registrar, for registration any instruments for instruments which such Registrar is required or empowered to Deeds Registration register; also, on registration of any instrument, to receive the same Act. from the Registrar on behalf of the persons entitled.

4. Instruments forwarded for registration through a District Priority of instru-Agent shall, as between themselves, be entitled to registration in the ments so registered. 30 order in which they are lodged with such Agent; but, as against all other instruments, shall be entitled to priority according to the time of actual reception by the Registrar.

5. On return of any instrument by the Registrar through a Receipts for District Agent the signature or attestation of correctness required instruments after registration. No. 110—2.

by section forty-seven of "The Deeds Registration Act, 1868," shall not be necessary; but in lieu thereof the Registrar or Deputy-Registrar of Deeds shall sign and attest the recorded copy of such instrument.

Governor may prescribe fees.

District Land Registrar of Nelson to register titles of Westland and Grey Education Boards.

All perpetual leases under Land Act may be registered.

Verbal amendment in "Land Act, 1885." 6. The Governor in Council may prescribe fees to be taken under this Act, and may make such regulations with regard to the matters aforesaid as may be necessary or expedient.

7. The District Land Registrar of Nelson shall have the same authorities, and is hereby required to perform the same duties within his district, as are possessed and required to be performed by the District Land Registrar of Westland within his district, under section eight of "The Westland and Grey Education Boards Act, 1885."

8. Sections one hundred and thirty-six and one hundred and thirty-seven of "The Land Act, 1885," shall be construed to apply in respect to every lease of Crown lands made on the system known as 15 the perpetual-lease system, and whether made under Part IV. of the above Act or under any other provisions of such Act, or under any provisions of any other Act; and every such lease shall be executed in triplicate, and shall be registered under "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," in manner as provided in the above-mentioned sections.

9. Section one hundred and eighty-three of "The Land Act," 1885," is hereby amended by the omission of the words "over which the license has been so revoked," and the substitution instead thereof of the words "over which the license has not been revoked."

By Authority: George Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1886.