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SCIENCE AND ART.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Constitution and Control of a Dominion Museum and Art Gallery and for the Publication of certain Scientific Works. Title.

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

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Science and Art Act, 1913. Short Title.
- 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

10 "Board" means the Board of Science and Art constituted under this Act:

"Governors" means the Board of Governors of the New Zealand Institute constituted under the New Zealand Institute Act, 1908:

15 "Minister" means the Minister of Internal Affairs:

"Museum" means the Dominion Museum constituted under this Act:

"New Zealand Institute" means the New Zealand Institute constituted under the New Zealand Institute Act, 1908.

20 3. There shall be a Dominion Museum in the City of Wellington upon a site to be hereafter determined, which shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board. Dominion Museum.

4. A Dominion Art Gallery, wherein shall be kept and exhibited paintings, drawings, and sculpture, shall be established either within the building of the Dominion Museum or in a building or buildings adjoining the Dominion Museum, and the Dominion Art Gallery shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board. Dominion Art Gallery.

5. Until the determination of the site of the Museum and of the Art Gallery, and the erection and establishment of the buildings Control of Government Museum, Wellington.

thereon, the land and buildings in Museum Street, Wellington, known as the Government Museum, shall be the Dominion Museum, and the said land and buildings and the exhibits therein shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board.

Moneys to be appropriated by Parliament for establishment and maintenance of Dominion Museum and Dominion Art Gallery.

6. The provision for the building and equipment of the Dominion Museum and of the Dominion Art Gallery, and for the acquisition of articles and documents of scientific, artistic, or historical value to be kept and exhibited therein respectively and for the maintenance and management thereof respectively, shall be by moneys to be appropriated by Parliament for the purposes. 5 10

Constitution of Board of Science and Art.

7. (1.) There shall be a Board styled "The Board of Science and Art," consisting of—

The Minister of Internal Affairs :

The Director of Geological Surveys :

The Director of the Dominion Museum : 15

The President of the Governors :

An officer of the Department of Agriculture, to be appointed by the Minister of Agriculture :

The Government Printer :

Two persons to be appointed by the Governor in Council, each of whom shall hold office for three years from the date of his appointment. 20

Meetings of Board.

(2.) The Board shall sit in the City of Wellington at such times and places as shall be appointed from time to time by the Minister or by the Director of the Dominion Museum. 25

(3.) Three of the members shall form a quorum.

(4.) At all meetings of the Board the Minister, if present, shall be the Chairman, and in his absence the Director of the Dominion Museum shall be Chairman. If neither the Minister nor the Director is present, the majority of the members present shall choose one of their number to preside as Chairman. 30

(5.) The Chairman shall have a deliberative vote, and in all cases of equality of votes shall also have a casting-vote.

(6.) The Director of Geological Surveys and the Government Printer may each appoint a deputy to attend and act at any meeting of the Board in his place, and such deputy while so attending shall be deemed to be a member of the Board. 35

(7.) The President of the Governors may appoint a deputy, being a Governor of the New Zealand Institute, to attend and act at any meeting of the Board in his place; and such deputy, while so attending, shall be deemed to be a member of the Board. 40

Functions and duties of Board.

8. It shall be the duty of the Board,—

(a.) As to the Dominion Museum and Dominion Art Gallery,—

(i.) To manage, control, and direct the same, and the staff employed, in every respect : 45

(ii.) To acquire (out of funds to be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, or through donations) articles, books, and documents of scientific, artistic, or historical interest, and works of art :

(iii.) To make due provision for access for the public at reasonable times of the day to such parts of the Dominion Museum and Dominion Art Gallery as are set apart for exhibition : 50

(b.) As to the Transactions of the New Zealand Institute,—

(i.) To consider in each year all papers and matter which the Governors propose for printing as the Annual Transactions of that Institute :

5 (ii.) To direct the printing of such papers and matter so proposed by the Governors as the Board determines to be of such scientific value or of such general public interest as to deserve permanent record :

10 (iii.) To cause such papers and matter as last afore-said to be annually printed by the Government Printer in a volume or volumes in form uniform with the volumes of Transactions of the New Zealand Institute heretofore published :

15 (c.) As to all papers and reports of a scientific nature issued or published by or under the authority of any Department of the Government of New Zealand,—

(i.) To consider in each year all such papers and reports :

20 (ii.) To direct the printing or reprinting of such of the said papers and reports as the Board determines to be of such scientific value or of such general public interest as to deserve permanent record :

25 (iii.) To cause such papers and reports as last afore-said to be annually printed or reprinted by the Government Printer in a volume or volumes in form uniform for every year.

9. The Governor may from time to time direct that any historical public books and documents shall be stored and preserved in the Dominion Museum, and may direct which, if any, of such books and documents shall be kept open for public inspection.

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10. The Transactions of the New Zealand Institute and all other scientific publications printed or reprinted under the control and direction of the Board shall be published and sold by the Government Printer at prices to be fixed by regulations. Such regulations may provide in respect of the volumes containing the Transactions of the New Zealand Institute that a concession in the price fixed may be made to members of the Institute.

Publication of Transactions of New Zealand Institute.

11. The Governor may from time to time make regulations—

Regulations.

(a.) For the conduct of the business of the Board :

40 (b.) For determining the mode of appointment of the officers, servants, and persons employed by the Board :

(c.) For the custody, control, direction, and management of the Dominion Museum, Art Gallery, and the articles and works stored therein :

45 (d.) For the printing and publishing of documents and papers pursuant to the provisions of this Act, and for prices to be charged by the Government Printer for copies :

(e.) For any object or purpose which may be deemed necessary for the efficient administration of this Act.