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[AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.]

House of Representatives, 30th September, 1915.

Hon. Mr. Rhodes.

SPRINGS COUNTY COUNCIL RECLAMATION AND EMPOWERING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Council empowered to reclaim parts of lagoon.</p> <p>3. Works to be deemed a public work.</p>	<p>4. Compensation for land or water taken for purposes of works.</p> <p>5. Land reclaimed to be deemed to be vested in Council, and Council may sell or lease same.</p> <p>Schedule.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN Act empowering the Springs County Council to reclaim Parts of a Lagoon, commonly known as "Yarr's Lagoon," in the County of Springs, for the Purpose of improving the Flow of the L. 1 River through the said Lagoon and the Drainage of the Adjoining Lands.

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 Springs County Council Reclamation and Empowering Act, 1915.

2. The Springs County Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is hereby authorized to undertake such works as may be necessary for the reclamation of any part of the area of land described in the Schedule hereto, being a lagoon through which the river known as L. 1 River flows, for the purpose of improving the flow of the said river through the said lagoon and the drainage of the adjoining lands.

3. All such works shall be deemed to be included within the definition of a public work within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1908; and the Council may take any parts of the said area of land as may, in the opinion of the Council, be necessary for the construction of such works.

4. (1.) The owners of and all other persons having any less estate or interest in any land or water taken or used by the Council for the purposes of this Act, or damaged or injuriously affected by the construction of any works by the Council for the purposes of this Act, shall be entitled to compensation in respect thereof from the Council.

(2.) All claims for compensation shall be made in writing to the Council within twelve months from the time when such claim arose, and no claim for compensation shall be allowed unless made within that period.

(3.) The amount of compensation shall, unless the parties agree thereon, be ascertained in the manner provided by the Public Works Act, 1908, and the provisions of that Act shall accordingly apply. 5

Land reclaimed to be deemed to be vested in Council, and Council may sell or lease same.

5. All such part or parts of the said area of land as may at any time be taken, reclaimed, or drained, or partially reclaimed or drained, shall be deemed to be vested in the Council in fee-simple absolutely, with power to the Council to sell such lands or any parts thereof or to grant leases of the same or any part thereof, at such rents, and for such terms, and on such conditions as the Council thinks fit. 10

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land area in the Canterbury Land District, containing 178 acres more or less, being Reserve No. 3706, and known as "Yarr's Lagoon," Block XII, Leeston Survey District: bounded towards the northward by the southern boundaries of Rural Section 10070, a road-line, Rural Section 10470, a road-line, and Rural Section 20389; towards the eastward by the western boundaries of Rural Section 11388, a drain reserve, the L. 1 Creek and the western boundary of Rural Section 7390; towards the south-eastward and southward by the north-western boundaries of Rural Sections 4761, 6699, 7707, and the No. 2 Creek; and towards the westward by the eastern boundary of Rural Sections 9932, the north-eastern boundary of Rural Section 10621, and the north-eastern boundaries of Rural Section 11102.

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