

Hon. Mr. McKenzie.

SELECTORS' LANDS REVALUATION CONTINUANCE AND AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to continue and amend "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889." 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 Selectors' Lands Revaluation Continuance and Amendment Act, 1891." Short Title.

2. The definition of "selector," in section two of "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), shall be read as if there had been inserted therein after the word "includes" the words "the holder of any agricultural lease, or of a license for pastoral land on deferred payments, or the holder of a lease for small grazing-run." Interpretation.

Section three of the said Act shall be read as if the word "ninety-three" had been originally enacted therein instead of the word "ninety-one."

3. Every holder of an agricultural lease or holder of a perpetual lease which has been acquired in exchange for an agricultural lease under any Land Act heretofore in force or under any Act relating to mining, and every holder of a license to occupy pastoral land on deferred payments, or lessee of a small grazing-run acquired in exchange of any such last-mentioned lease, and every lessee of a small grazing-run respectively, who entered into occupation of the land comprised in his lease or license before the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, may apply to the Land Board of the district wherein the aforesaid land is situate, before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, to have a revaluation made of such land, and shall make their application subject to the next following section of this Act. Agricultural lessees and others also may apply for relief.

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4. Every selector who has failed to apply for a revaluation to be made under the said Act of the allotment in his occupation, and

Every selector who has already had a revaluation but has reasonable grounds for believing that the value fixed in such revaluation is in excess of the fair value of the land, 5

May at any time before the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*three*, apply to the Land Board to have a revaluation, or another revaluation, made of such allotment, as the case may be, and the Board may accordingly make inquiry, or a further inquiry, into such case subject as follows :— 10

The selector shall at the time of making his application, and together therewith,—

(1.) Append a statutory declaration signed by him that he believes the value fixed by the first revaluation to be in excess of the fair value of the land, accompanied with a valuation of such land made by a competent and reputable valuer resident in the land district wherein the said land is situate : 15

(2.) Deposit a sum of not more than *five* pounds, as the Board shall direct, together with an undertaking to pay all the expenses attending the inquiry into the case. 20

In case his application for a reduction of value is not sustained in the second revaluation, the *five* pounds deposited shall be forfeited to Her Majesty, and the applicant shall be liable for all expenses of the inquiry, which shall be deemed a debt due by the applicant to Her Majesty; but if his application be sustained, and the value of the allotment reduced, then the sum deposited and the undertaking given by the applicant as aforesaid shall be returned to him. 25