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Settlements Works Advances.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize Advances of Money for the Construction of Works necessary to the Sale and Settlement of the Crown Lands.

WHEREAS there are large tracts of Crown lands which are not accessible for want of roads and other works, and are therefore not available for sale and settlement: And whereas it is desirable that the Governor should have the power of making advances out of public funds in order to have such roads and other works constructed, and that such advances should be repaid out of the moneys hereafter to be received on the sale of such lands:

BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be "The Settlements Works Advances Act, 1877."

2. Out of moneys voted by the General Assembly there may from time to time be issued and applied advances of money for the purpose of constructing works to or in any blocks of land opened or to be opened for sale or occupation.

3. The moneys to be advanced and expended under the authority of this Act shall be issued and paid by the Colonial Treasurer to an account to be called "The Settlements Works Advances Fund," and may then be issued and applied for the purposes authorized by this Act; and the sums so applied shall be secured, dealt with, and repaid in the manner herein provided.

4. The Governor by Order in Council shall determine what works, if any, shall be constructed under this Act, and shall fix the amount to be advanced and expended during the then current year in the construction of such works.

Works to be constructed under direction of Minister of Lands.

5. The Minister of Lands (herein called "the Minister") shall take such steps as he shall think necessary for the commencement and prosecution of the works sanctioned in the aforesaid Order in Council, and all such works shall be constructed under the direction and supervision of the Minister: Provided that the Minister may intrust to the County Council or Road Board of the district in which such works are to be executed the management and supervision thereof, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. 5

Roads and bridges to be delivered to local governing bodies.

6. All roads and bridges constructed under the authority of this Act shall, when completed, be handed over to the control of the governing body appointed by "The Public Works Act, 1876," or any Act amending the same, to have the control of roads of a similar character, and shall thereafter be maintained in the manner directed by the aforesaid Acts. 10 15

Charge upon lands for repayment of moneys expended.

7. For the repayment of any money expended under the authority of this Act in the construction of works to or in any block of land, there shall be fixed upon each allotment within the block such a charge as the Minister shall determine; and the charge so to be fixed shall be such that the total sum charged upon all the allotments within the block shall be equal to the total amount of the money expended to or in the block. 20

Charge upon land to be in proportion to enhanced value by construction of works.

8. In determining the sum to be charged on each section in respect of any works constructed as aforesaid within any block of land, the Minister shall take into account the amount by which such section has been comparatively enhanced in value by the construction of the said works, and shall fix the sum to be charged upon each section accordingly. 25

Charge upon land to be added to original price thereof.

9. When the sum to be charged upon the different sections shall be determined, the same shall be notified by the Minister to the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district wherein the land is situate, who shall thereupon add the sum charged upon each section to the price of such section; and the original price of the section, together with the aforesaid sum added thereto, shall be the price at which such section may thereafter be offered for sale, and the sale shall in all other respect be subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1877." 30 35

Minister to instruct Receiver of Land Revenue to repay advances.

10. All moneys advanced and expended within any block of land under the authority of this Act shall be a first charge upon all the lands within such block, and the Minister shall notify the amount of any such advances to the Receiver of Land Revenue for the district, who shall recover and repay the same to the Settlements Works Advances Fund in the manner herein provided. 40

All moneys arising from sales of land to go towards repayment of advances.

11. The proceeds of all sales of land within any block of land in respect of which advances have been made under the authority of this Act shall, until the said advances are fully repaid, be paid by the Receiver of Land Revenue into the Settlements Works Advances Fund. 45