

[AS REPORTED FROM THE WASTE LANDS COMMITTEE.]

Hon. Mr. Ballance.

TUAKITOTO AND KAITANGATA LAKES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize the Reclamation of the Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes, in the Bruce County.

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 Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act, 1885."

2. The Council of the County of Bruce is hereby authorized to undertake such works as may be necessary for the reclamation of the lands described in the Schedule hereto, and the drainage of the lakes Tuakitoto and Kaitangata respectively.

(1.) All such works shall be deemed to be included within the definition of a public work within the meaning of "The Public Works Act, 1882."

(2.) The Council aforesaid, with the consent of the ratepayers of the County of Bruce, to be ascertained as provided in "The Counties Act, 1876," in relation to a proposal to raise a special loan within the county, may raise a special loan for the purpose of the construction and completion of such work or any part thereof.

(3.) All reclamations of any such lands shall be made to the satisfaction of any engineer whom the Governor may from time to time appoint to certify that such work is satisfactorily done.

All lands reclaimed from the aforesaid lakes shall be vested in the Corporation of the County of Bruce, as an endowment for the said county.

All lands so reclaimed to be vested in the county.

3. So soon as the Engineer aforesaid shall have certified, in respect of any portion of the lands described in the Schedule, that such portion has been reclaimed in a satisfactory manner, the Governor may issue an Order in Council vesting such portion of the aforesaid lands in the said Corporation, and such lands shall vest accordingly on the date of such Order. 5

New clause.

Council may lease lands conditional on reclamation.

4. The Council may from time to time enter into provisional agreements with any person or persons for the reclamation and subsequent leasing of the whole or any portion of the lands described in the Schedule, subject, however, in every case to the approval of the Governor and the conditions of this Act. 10

Power to deal with such lands, but not to sell.

4. 5. The Council may from time to time dispose of any lands which may become vested in them under this Act in manner as they think fit, either under "The Counties Act, 1876," or under "The Land Act, 1877," or any Act amending the same respectively; but the Council shall not sell or absolutely dispose of any of such lands. 15

Duration of Act.

5. 6. This Act shall continue in force for ten years from the date of the passing thereof, and no longer; but without prejudice to anything which may have been lawfully done under the authority thereof whilst it was in force. 20

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the County of Bruce, containing by admeasurement 2,425 acres, more or less, being Tuakitoto Lake, Kaitangata Lake, Kaitangata Creek, and the adjacent shores: Bounded towards the North by the road forming the southern boundary of Block VII., South Tuakitoto Survey District; towards the East generally by the road forming the western and south-western boundaries of Blocks VII., VI., V., IV., III., and II., said survey district, and the Town of Kaitangata; and towards the South-west and West generally by the Clutha River and the road forming the eastern and north-eastern boundaries of Blocks IV., VII., VIII., and IX., North Molyneux Survey District, and Blocks XII., XI., X., IX., and VIII., South Tuakitoto Survey District: as the same is delineated on the plans in the Survey Office, Dunedin.