

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorise the Setting-apart of a certain Tract of Land around and in the vicinity of the Tongariro Mountain as a National Park. 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. The Short Title of this Act is “The Tongariro National Park Act, 1894.” Short Title

10 2. The Governor in Council, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, may declare that the whole of the lands within the territory described in the Schedule hereto shall, on and after the date of such Proclamation, become and be vested in Her Majesty as a national park under this Act, to be known as “The Tongariro National Park”; and On its cession by the Native owners, territory around Ruapehu and Tongariro to be proclaimed a national park.

15 on and after the date aforesaid the Native title over the aforesaid territory shall be deemed to be extinguished.

In case there shall be at the aforesaid date any Native owners of the said territory whose shares or interests therein have not been acquired by Her Majesty, the Governor may direct the Native Land Title.

20 Court to inquire into the rights of the said owners, and to assess the value of such interests in manner as provided by section twenty-six of “The Public Works Act, 1882,” as amended by section fourteen of “The Public Works Acts Amendment Act, 1887,” and by section sixteen of “The Public Works Acts Amendment Act, 1889,” in Title.

25 relation to ascertaining how compensation for taking land for a public work is to be made to Natives.

And for the purposes of the said sections, taking land under this Act shall be deemed to be taking land for a public work within the meaning of “The Public Works Act, 1882.”

30 3. The said park shall be under the control of the Governor, who may manage and administer all the lands therein as Crown lands. Powers of administration by Governor.

All persons who shall locate or settle upon or occupy the same, or any part thereof, except as hereinafter provided, shall be considered trespassers and be removed therefrom.

35 4. The Minister of Lands for the time being, the Surveyor-General, the Director of the Geological Survey, together with such one of the chiefs of the Ngatituwharetoa Tribe of aboriginal natives, and such other person as the Governor shall appoint, are hereby constituted Trustees of the said park, and, for the purpose of the Trustees of Tongariro Park.

management thereof, are hereby invested with all the powers which the Governor is capable of delegating under "The Public Domains Act, 1881," to trustees of public domains for the management thereof.

- (1.) The aforesaid Native chief and other person appointed as trustees by the Governor shall hold office as trustees for the term of five years, subject that they respectively may at any time resign such office. 5

On the death or resignation by any Native chief or other nominated person of his office of Trustee, or on the expiry of the term of office of either of them, his successor to such office shall be appointed by the Governor, who shall respectively hold office for five years only, when a fresh nomination shall be made to the vacancy by the Governor. 10 15

Every successive nominated Trustee shall hold office for five years only, and may resign his office by letter to the Governor, who shall appoint his successor.

- (2.) The Minister of Lands shall be the Chairman of the Board, and preside at all their meetings; but in case of his absence at any meeting the members of the Board present may from time to time nominate any member of the Board to be the Chairman thereof for such meeting. 20

Governor may make special regulations under this Act.

5. The Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, or revoke any regulations which he may think necessary for the better administration of this Act and the management of the said park, and by such regulations may impose penalties for breaches thereof, not exceeding five pounds, and may prescribe such fees and tolls to be levied by the Board as he shall think necessary for the due administration of this Act. 25 30

Cost of administration.

6. The cost of administration of this Act shall be defrayed out of the penalties, fees, and tolls arising under this Act, together with the moneys accruing to the Board from time to time under "The Public Domains Act, 1881," supplemented by such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated for the purpose by Parliament. 35

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

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ALL that territory in the Counties of East Taupo, West Taupo, and Wanganui, containing by admeasurement 62,300 acres, more or less, comprehended within a circle around Trig. H on Ruapehu, having a radius of 4 miles from that point, together with the area comprehended within a circle having a radius of 3 miles from Trig. D on Ngauruhoe, together with so much of the area comprehended within a circle having a radius of 3 miles from a point on the line connecting Trigs. D and O (on Ngauruhoe and Te Mari), distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from D, as is not included in the circle around D; also that area 2 miles wide between the circles around H and D which is bisected by a line connecting those points: excepting out of the hereinbefore-described area the Kete-tahi Reserve, containing by estimation 20 acres, more or less, as comprised in an order of the Native Land Court made at Tapuaeharuru, Taupo, on the 24th day of September, 1887.