

*Mr. Hockly.*

WHAKATANE COUNTY COUNCIL EMPOWERING AND LOAN-MONEYS DIVERSION.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT authorizing the Whakatane County Council to apply certain Title.  
 Loan-moneys borrowed for specific Road and Bridge Works in the  
 Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea Ridings to  
 5 certain other Road and Bridge Works within those Ridings; and  
 to apply certain Loan-moneys borrowed for specific Road and  
 Bridge Works in the Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou  
 Ridings to certain other Road and Bridge Works over the Whole  
 County; and authorizing the levying of a special rate over the  
 10 Whole County; and authorizing the refund to the Taneatua and  
 Opouriao Riding Accounts of certain Sinking-fund Payments; and  
 empowering the Council to limit the Contribution of the Galatea  
 Riding towards the General Expenses of the County; and vali-  
 15 dating the Expenditure incurred in taking certain Polls of Rate-  
 payers.

WHEREAS on the fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and Preamble.  
 nineteen, the Whakatane County Council submitted to a poll of the  
 ratepayers of the Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, and Omataroa Ridings  
 of the Whakatane County a proposal to borrow by way of special loan  
 20 under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of forty-nine thousand  
 six hundred pounds, to be allocated in the manner set out in the said  
 loan proposal amongst certain works in the said ridings: And whereas  
 the area comprising the said four ridings has since been divided into  
 five ridings by the creation of a new riding called the Galatea Riding:

And whereas in the said loan proposal the sum of six thousand four hundred and eighty-two pounds was allocated for the purpose of improving and laying down permanent road in tar grouting from Whakatane Borough Boundary to Railway-station at Awakeri, and the sum of seven hundred pounds was allocated for the purpose of providing a bridge over Seccombe's drain and road formation and approaches : 5  
And whereas the said loan proposal was duly carried, and the said special loan (known as the Whakatane County Council, Matata, Tarawera, Rangitaiki, and Omataroa Ridings Loan of £49,600) was duly raised by the said Council : And whereas the works for which the said sum of six thousand four hundred and eighty-two pounds was allocated in the said loan proposal have not been commenced, and are not now proposed to be carried out by the said Council : And whereas the works for which the said sum of seven hundred pounds was allocated in the said loan proposal have been completed at a less cost than the amount of such allocation, leaving a balance of three hundred and forty-six pounds of such allocation unexpended : And whereas the said Council is now desirous of expending the said sums of six thousand four hundred and eighty-two pounds and three hundred and forty-six pounds in or towards other works in the said Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea Ridings of the said county : And whereas on the said fourth day of October, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the said Council submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of the Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings of the said county a proposal to borrow by way of special loan under the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, the sum of thirty thousand four hundred pounds, to be allocated in the manner set out in the said proposal therefor amongst certain works in the said Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings : And whereas in the proposal for the said special loan of thirty thousand four hundred pounds the sum of nine thousand pounds was allocated for the purpose of improving and laying down permanent road in tar grouting or concrete from the boundary of the Whakatane Borough to Ruatoki, and the sum of six hundred pounds was allocated for building bridges, widening and improving Awahou Road : And whereas the said proposal for the said special loan of thirty thousand four hundred pounds was duly carried, and the said special loan (known as the Whakatane County Council, Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings Loan of £30,400) was duly raised by the said Council : And whereas the works for which the said sum of nine thousand pounds was allocated have not been commenced, and are not now proposed to be carried out by the said Council : And whereas the works for which the said sum of six hundred pounds was allocated as aforesaid have been completed at a less cost than the amount of such allocation, leaving a balance of three hundred and thirty-five pounds of such allocation unexpended : And whereas the said Council is now desirous of expending the said sums of nine thousand pounds and three hundred and thirty-five pounds in or towards other works throughout the whole of the said county : And whereas it is expedient that a special rate in respect of the last-mentioned sums of nine thousand pounds and three hundred and thirty-five pounds be levied over the whole of the said county : And whereas since the date of raising the said Whaka- 50

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tane County Council, Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings Loan of £30,400 the ridings of Taneatua and Opouriao have provided the sinking-fund payments due from time to time on the said sums of nine thousand pounds and three hundred and thirty-five pounds, but have not received any benefit from such sums, and it is now expedient to repay to the Riding Accounts of the said Taneatua and Opouriao Ridings out of the General Account of the said county the sum of six hundred and fifty-three pounds nine shillings, being the sinking fund payments as aforesaid: And whereas there is no vehicular road access between the Galatea Riding of the Whakatane County and any other portion of the said county: And whereas the said Galatea Riding does not benefit by moneys spent by the said Council on roads in the said county which are outside the said Galatea Riding: And whereas the amount collected by way of rates in the said Galatea Riding is greatly in excess of the amount expended therein: And whereas it is desirable to empower the said Council in any year to limit the amount of the annual contribution of the said Galatea Riding towards the General Account Fund of the said county to a reasonable annual amount, and to authorize the said Council to expend any surplus general-rate moneys collected from the said Galatea Riding on works in the said Galatea Riding: And whereas on the twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the said Council submitted to a poll of the ratepayers of the said Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea Ridings the hereinbefore-recited proposal to expend the sums of six thousand four hundred and eighty-two pounds and three hundred and forty-six pounds on other works in those ridings, which poll was duly carried by the said ratepayers: And whereas on the said twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, the said Council submitted to a poll of all the ratepayers in the said county the hereinbefore-recited proposal to expend the sums of nine thousand pounds and three hundred and thirty-five pounds in or towards other works throughout the whole of the said county, which poll was duly carried by the said ratepayers: And whereas there is no statutory authority for the said Council to incur the expenditure necessary in taking the said polls, and it is desirable that all such expenditure should be expressly validated:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

40 1. This Act may be cited as the Whakatane County Council Empowering and Loan-moneys Diversion Act, 1927. Short Title.

2. In this Act—

“ Council ” means the Whakatane County Council: Interpretation.

“ County ” means the Whakatane County:

45 “ Special Loan No. 1 ” means the Whakatane County Council, Matata, Tarawera, Rangitaiki, and Omataroa Ridings Loan of £49,600:

“ Special Loan No. 2 ” means the Whakatane County Council, Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou Ridings Loan of £30,400.

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diversion of certain  
loan-moneys to  
other works in  
special loan area.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or any other statute, the Council may and is hereby authorized and empowered to expend and apply the said sum of six thousand four hundred and eighty-two pounds (provided in the said Special Loan No. 1 for the purpose of improving and laying down of permanent road in tar grouting from the Whakatane Borough Boundary to the Awakeri Railway-station), together with the said sum of three hundred and forty-six pounds (the unexpended surplus of the said allocation of seven hundred pounds for a bridge over Seccombe's drain, and road formation and approaches thereto), in or towards the purposes set out in the *First* Schedule hereto, being works required in the said ridings of Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea of the said county, in the proportionate amounts set out in the said *First* Schedule :

Provided that the amount allocated to each of the works set out in the said *First* Schedule shall be deemed to be the maximum amount therefor, and any surplus moneys remaining after the completion of any of those works may be applied in the completion of any other of the said works if the amount appropriated to that work is not sufficient for its completion.

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whole county.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, or any other statute as aforesaid, the Council may and is hereby authorized and empowered to expend and apply the sum of nine thousand pounds (provided in the said Special Loan No. 2 for the purpose of improving and laying down of permanent road in tar grouting or concrete from the boundary of the Whakatane Borough to Ruatoki), together with the sum of three hundred and thirty-five pounds (the unexpended surplus of the said allocation of six hundred pounds for building bridges and widening and improving Awahou Road), in or towards the purposes set out in the *Second* Schedule hereto, being works required over the whole of the said county, in the proportionate amounts set out in the said *Second* Schedule :

Provided that the amount allocated to each of the works set out in the said *Second* Schedule shall be deemed to be the maximum amount therefor, and any surplus moneys remaining after the completion of any of those works may be applied in the completion of any other of the said works if the amount appropriated to that work is not sufficient for its completion.

Authorizing levying  
of special rate over  
whole county.

5. The Council is further authorized and empowered to make and levy, and shall, so long as the sums of nine thousand pounds and three hundred and thirty-five pounds mentioned in section *four* hereof, or any part of such sums, remain owing by the Council, so make and levy an annual recurring special rate of *one-sixth* of a penny in the pound upon the rateable value of all rateable property within the said county, to provide the sinking fund, interest, and other charges in respect of the said sums of nine thousand pounds and three hundred and thirty-five pounds ; and, as the said new special rate is intended to provide the said sinking fund, interest, and other charges, the same need not be provided for out of the existing special rate levied in respect of the said Special Loan No. 2 on the rateable property in the said ridings of Waimana, Taneatua, Opouriao, and Nukuhou :

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Provided that the provisions of section twenty-three of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, shall apply to the said new special rate.

Authorizing refund from county General Account to Taneatua and Opouriao Riding Accounts.

6. The Council is further authorized and empowered to pay out of the General Account of the said county to the accounts of the 5 Taneatua and Opouriao Ridings of the said county, in proportion to the total unimproved value of the rateable property in each of the said ridings, the sum of six hundred and fifty-three pounds nine shillings, being the sinking-fund charges provided by the said ridings since the date of raising the said Special Loan No. 2.

10 7. (1) At the meeting fixed for the apportionment of the gross estimated income of the county pursuant to section one hundred and thirty-one of the Counties Act, 1920, the Council may in any year, by resolution, limit the amount to be provided in that year from the general rate of the Galatea Riding for the purposes mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of subsection one of the said section one 15 hundred and thirty-one to such amount (being not less than two hundred pounds) as is set out in such resolution; and for the purposes of the general rate to be made and levied in the Galatea Riding pursuant to section one hundred and twenty-one of the Counties Act, 1920, the 20 proportionate part referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection two of the said section one hundred and twenty-one shall be deemed to be the amount so limited by resolution.

Empowering Council to limit contribution of Galatea Riding towards general expenses of county.

(2) In any year in which the amount to be provided from the general rate of the Galatea Riding is limited as aforesaid the provisions 25 of paragraph (e) of subsection one of the said section one hundred and thirty-one of the Counties Act, 1920, shall not apply with respect to the Galatea Riding, but the balance of the general rate of that riding in that year, after payment of the amount fixed as aforesaid by resolution, shall be expended on works within the said riding during the same 30 or any subsequent year.

8. It shall be and be deemed to have been lawful for the Council to incur, and out of the General Account of the Council to pay, such expenditure as shall have been necessarily incurred in submitting to the ratepayers of the Matata, Rangitaiki, Tarawera, Omataroa, and Galatea 35 Ridings, and the ratepayers of the whole county respectively, the hereinbefore-recited polls taken on the twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, on the loan-moneys-diversion proposals authorized by sections three and four hereof.

Validating expenditure in connection with certain polls of ratepayers.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

	£
1. Metalling East Bank South Road .. .. .	850
2. Metalling Eastern Boundary Road .. .. .	180
3. Metalling Eastern Drain Road .. .. .	500
4. Metalling McLean's Road .. .. .	450
5. Building McCracken's Bridge, formation, approaches, and road-filling ..	200
6. Metalling Western Drain Road .. .. .	300
7. Metalling Huna Road .. .. .	100
8. Legalization, purchase of land, compensation, formation, fencing, and culverts, Rewatu Road .. .. .	718
9. Building bridge and metalling Te Toki Road .. .. .	232
10. Building bridge and metalling White-pine Bush Road .. .. .	150
11. Legalization, purchase of land, compensation, formation, fencing, and culverts, Foster's Road .. .. .	500
12. Erection of Bridges and formation of Awakeri-Taneatua Road .. .. .	1,040
13. Protection of road near Whakatane River from Whakatane River erosion in Blocks 28 and 29 .. .. .	150
14. Protection of main highway from Whakatane River erosion near Whakatane concrete bridge .. .. .	150
15. Metalling Main Ross Road .. .. .	200
16. Building bridge-culverts on Railway Road at Omeheu and Mexted's ..	130
17. Metalling and culverts on West Bank Road .. .. .	346
18. Metalling Grieg's Road .. .. .	200
19. Formation and culverts, Sisley's Road, Te Teko .. .. .	100
20. Metalling Powell's Road .. .. .	50
21. Metalling Awakeri - Te Teko (around hills) Main Road .. .. .	100
22. Repay balance owing on Poroporo Road and bridge loan of £200 ..	182
	£6,828

SECOND SCHEDULE.

MAIN HIGHWAYS.

	£
1. Building bridge at county boundary near Whakatane .. .. .	100
2. Building Ryan's Bridge at Nukuhou .. .. .	400
3. Building Black's Bridge, Waimana .. .. .	320
4. Building bridge-culvert at Platts .. .. .	115
5. Building bridge at floodgate, Matata .. .. .	180
6. Building Hereperu Bridge, Otamarakau .. .. .	334
7. Building Mimihaui Bridge, Otamarakau .. .. .	550
8. Building Spurr's Bridge, Awakeri Road .. .. .	35
9. Building Whakaire Bridge on Awakeri-Edgecumbe Road .. .. .	440
10. Building Eastern Drain Bridge on Awakeri-Edgecumbe Road .. .. .	90
11. Building Seccombe's No. 1 Bridge .. .. .	105
12. Regrading main highway at Douglas's Hill .. .. .	400
13. Raising formation, Whakatane-Taneatua Main Highway .. .. .	500
14. Metalling West Bank Main Highway .. .. .	646

MAIN ROADS AND BRIDGES.

15. Decking the Taneatua Railway-bridge over Whakatane River .. ..	962
16. Mitchell's Bridge, and filling Taneatua-Ruatoki Road .. ..	250
17. Building Awakaponga Bridge, Onepu Road .. ..	200
18. Building bridge, legalization, purchase of land, fencing, formation, culverts, and metalling Railway Road deviation .. ..	420
19. Metalling Wainui Road .. ..	300
20. Formation and metalling, Awakaponga Station Road .. ..	100
21. Metalling East Bank North Road .. ..	100
22. Metalling West Bank Road at Checkley's deviation .. ..	300
23. Building Kopuriki Bridge over Rangitaiki River .. ..	600

SUNDRY ROADS.

24. Metalling Foster's Road .. ..	200
25. Formation of Kirkbride's Road .. ..	50
26. Formation, fencing, and metalling Awakeri-Taneatua Road .. ..	1,638

£9,335