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[LOCAL BILL.]

WELLINGTON CITY SANITATION LOAN EMPOWERING.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to empower the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Wellington, a Corporation constituted under the Provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886," to raise certain Moneys by way of Special Loan for Sanitation and other Purposes, and to make Provision as to other Matters.

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 Wellington City Sanitation Loan Empowering Act, 1892."

2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context,—

"City" shall mean the borough of the City of Wellington, including any extensions thereof to be hereafter made:

"Corporation" shall mean the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the City of Wellington:

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“ Council ” shall mean the Council of the City of Wellington :
 “ The said Act ” shall mean “ The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886. ”

PART I.

COUNCIL MAY RAISE SPECIAL LOANS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES. 5

Council may raise special loans.

3. The Council may raise by way of special loan, under the provisions of Part IX. of the said Act, a sum not exceeding one hundred and ~~seventy~~ sixty-five thousand pounds, to be appropriated to the respective purposes set forth in section *six* hereof: Provided always that the provisions of section *four* hereof shall apply to every poll taken under the authority of this Act, in substitution for the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-two of the said Act. 10

Proviso as to taking poll.

Majority required to carry proposal.

4. If a majority of the votes given upon the taking of any poll under the authority of this Act shall be in favour of the proposal upon which the poll shall be taken, then and in such case the said proposal shall be deemed carried, and the Council may proceed with such proposal accordingly; but if not, then the said proposal shall be deemed rejected, ~~and the Council shall not so proceed.~~ 15

Proviso as to number of polling-booths.

5. Any poll taken under the authority of this Act may be taken at polling-booths situate within the city, at such convenient places as the Returning Officer shall appoint, anything in subsection three of section one hundred and eighty-one of the said Act notwithstanding. 20

Amounts to be raised, and purposes thereof.

6. The purposes to which the money which the Council is hereby authorised to raise are to be appropriated shall be the following, that is to say:— 25

£150,000.

(1.) Any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand pounds for all or any of the purposes next-hereinafter mentioned, namely:—

For system of drainage.

(a.) The providing (in exercise of the powers given to the Council by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf) of an efficient system of drainage for the city, whereby the sewage and drainage of the city will be conveyed and discharged direct into the sea in Cook Strait, or be dealt with under the provisions of the *next* subsection. 30 35

And for acquisition of lands for outfall.

(b.) The acquisition of lands situate outside the city convenient for the collecting, utilising, and selling of sewage-matter conveyed thereto under such system of drainage for agricultural and other purposes, or for disposing of such sewage-matter by means of fertilising, or otherwise improving the lands so acquired. 40

And cost of certain private connections.

(c.) The providing the cost of the connection of private premises situate within the city with new sewers and drains in cases where existing connections made by private owners or occupiers at their own expense will be interfered with. 45

And acquisition of lands and buildings.

(d.) The acquisition, in connection with such system of drainage, of lands situate within or without the city, and of any rights, easements, advantages, or appurtenances 50

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in respect of any land situate within or without the city, and of any buildings, engines, machinery, and other things.

5 (e.) The payment of any persons injuriously affected by reason of any of the matters or things aforesaid of such compensation as they may by law be entitled to.

And for compensation.

(f.) Any other purpose incidental or in relation to any of the purposes hereinbefore defined.

And incidental purposes.

10 (2.) ~~The sum of twelve thousand pounds, for the purpose of repaying~~ repayment to the General Account of the Borough Fund of the Corporation of the like sum of twelve thousand pounds, being moneys heretofore advanced from such account for the purpose of and expended upon permanent drainage-works within the city, in anticipation of the raising of a special loan for providing a system of drainage, which repayment the Council is hereby authorised to make.

£12,000, for repayment of advance from General Account in anticipation of special loan for drainage purposes.

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20 (3.) Any sum or sums not exceeding together thirteen thousand pounds, to be appropriated to the several purposes mentioned in the *three following* subsections respectively, in such proportions as the Council shall from time to time direct.

25 (a.) For providing public baths and washhouses within or without the city for the use, under the provisions of the said Act, of the inhabitants of the city, and for acquiring any land, or acquiring or constructing any buildings, appliances, and conveniences in connection with any public baths and washhouses so provided.

30 (b.) For improving existing public recreation-grounds situate within the city; for acquiring additional lands in order to extend the limits of any such recreation-ground as aforesaid; for acquiring lands within or without the city, to be used under the provisions of the said Act as additional recreation-grounds. The moneys appropriated to the purposes set forth in this present item (b) may be applied for any one or more, to the exclusion of the others or other of such purposes.

40 e (3.) ~~For~~ The expenditure of a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds in making provision for dépôts for rubbish and refuse, and ~~for~~ in erecting retaining-walls within the portion of the harbour which the Corporation is authorised to reclaim from the sea.

£3,000 for rubbish-dépôts.

45 7. The Council may pledge as security for the interest and sinking fund upon every or any special loan hereby authorised to be raised any special rate or special rates within the meaning of the said Act, and may by special order make and levy every special rate so pledged, in manner as in the said Act is provided. The Council may pledge a special rate exceeding in amount the estimated amount required to provide such interest and sinking fund, and shall not be required to 50 levy more in any year during the currency of such loan than shall be sufficient to provide such interest and sinking fund, so long as such interest and sinking fund shall be punctually paid.

Special rate may be pledged.

PART II.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Lands may be acquired under Public Works Act, or by purchase.

Lands acquired for outfall of drainage may be leased.

Lease may contain stipulation that lessee shall receive and dispose of sewage.

Lands acquired for outfall deemed held under Municipal Corporations Act.

Works authorised by this Act deemed constructed under Municipal Corporations Act.

Provisions of Municipal Corporations Act to apply to special loans hereby authorised.

Extended power of entry on premises.

8. All lands or other property which the Council is hereby authorised to acquire may be acquired either under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1882," or by purchase.

9. All or any lands acquired by the Corporation under paragraph (b) of subsection *one* of section *six* hereof for the purpose of disposing of sewage matter by means of fertilising or otherwise improving such land as aforesaid may be let or leased by the Council by public auction or public tender or private contract, as it shall deem proper, for such term or terms, and at such rent or rents, upon and subject to such terms and conditions in every respect as the Council shall think fit.

The power of letting and leasing hereby given shall be in addition to all other powers of letting or leasing for the time being conferred by law in respect of lands vested in or belonging to boroughs.

10. In any lease of any lands acquired as last aforesaid, or any part thereof, the Council may stipulate that the lessee shall, on such terms and subject to such conditions in every respect as the Council shall think fit, receive all or any part of the sewage-matter discharged at such lands or at any part thereof and dispose of the same upon all or any part of such lands for fertilisation or other purposes.

11. Save in so far as may be inconsistent with this Act, all lands acquired by the Corporation under paragraph (b) of subsection *one* of section *six* for the purpose of disposing of sewage-matter by means of fertilising or otherwise improving the same, shall be held by the Corporation subject to the provisions of the said Act.

12. All drainage - works and ~~public baths and washhouses~~ authorised to be constructed or provided, and all land and other property authorised to be acquired out of moneys to be raised under this Act, shall be deemed authorised to be respectively constructed, provided, and acquired under the provisions of the said Act, which provisions shall apply thereto accordingly; and, in particular, the Council shall, in relation thereto respectively, have all the powers, authorities, and discretions by the said Act expressly or by reference given to the Council with respect to drainage-works and ~~public baths and washhouses~~ and land and other property acquired in connection therewith respectively.

13. Save in so far as may be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act, all the provisions of Part IX. of the said Act, and all other provisions of the said Act relating to the raising and repayment by Borough Councils of special loans, including provisions affecting the pledging of security for such loans and the making and levying of special rates, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to every special loan authorised by this Act. *In particular, but not so as to limit the generality of this section, the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-four of the said Act shall so apply.*

14. The power of entry given to the Council by section two hundred and twenty-five of the said Act shall, with respect to all drainage-works and ~~public baths and washhouses~~ and land and other property authorised to be respectively constructed, provided, or acquired out of moneys to be raised under this Act, extend to lands and building outside of as well as within the borough.

15. The power given to the Council by section two hundred and seventy-nine of the said Act to make main drains outside the city shall extend to main drains made out of moneys hereby authorised to be raised for the purpose of carrying off sewage-matter to any lands acquired by the Corporation as aforesaid for disposing of sewage-matter by means of fertilising or otherwise improving such lands.

Extended power to make main drains outside city.

PART III.

FURTHER SPECIAL LOAN FOR IMPROVING SYSTEM OF DRAINAGE.

16. After a system of drainage of the city shall have been provided the Council may from time to time raise by way of special loan any further sum or sums not exceeding in the whole twenty-five thousand pounds for the purpose of improving or extending such system, and acquiring lands and appurtenances and buildings and other things in connection with any such improvement or extension.

15 All the provisions of this Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply respectively to such improvements and extensions, and to every special loan authorised to be raised by this section.

After drainage system provided, Council may raise additional £25,000 to improve and extend same.