This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

4th November, 1912.

Hon. Mr. Fisher.

## WESTPORT HARBOUR AMENDMENT.

## ANALYSIS.

Title.

1. Short Title.

2. Reconstitution of Board. Repeal.

3. Board may expend portion of funds in boring for coal on endowments.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to alter the Constitution of the Westport Harbour Board.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Westport Harbour Amend- Short Title. ment Act, 1912, and shall form part of and be read together with the Westport Harbour Board Act, 1884 (hereinafter referred to as the 10 principal Act).

2. (1.) The Westport Harbour Board shall consist of seven Reconstitution of

members, of whom four shall form a quorum. (2.) Of the members of the Board three shall be appointed by the Governor, two shall be elected by the electors of the County 15 of Buller, and two shall be elected by the electors of the Borough of

Westport.

(3.) The first non-elective members of the Board shall come into office on the last Wednesday in April, nineteen hundred and

thirteen.

(4.) The two members to be elected by the electors of the 20 Borough of Westport shall be elected on the day appointed for electing members of Borough Councils, and on that day a sufficient number of the members of the Board (other than those elected or appointed under this Act) shall retire from office, so that there shall 25 not be more than seven members at any time.

(5.) The members of the Board in office immediately before such election shall decide which of their number shall so retire, and,

in default of agreement, such decision shall be made by lot.

(6.) The two members to be elected by the electors of the 30 County of Buller shall be elected on the day appointed for electing members of County Councils, and on that day the remaining members of the Board appointed under the principal Act shall (unless elected or appointed under this Act) retire from office.

(7.) The elections of elective members shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Harbours Amendment Act, 1910, in the case of elections of members of constituent districts.

(8.) Sections three and four of the principal Act are hereby

repealed.

(9.) The Second Schedule to the Harbours Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby amended by omitting the words "Westport Harbour Board."

Board may expend portion of funds in boring for coal on endowments,

Repeal.

3. It shall be lawful for the Board to expend such part of its funds (not exceeding two thousand pounds in any one year) as it 10 thinks fit in boring for coal on any part of its endowments or on any unoccupied Crown land within the County of Buller.

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