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(Mr. Tribe.)

# Westland Waste Lands Amendment.

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## A BILL INTITULED.

AN ACT to amend "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870."

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 shall be "The Westland Waste Lands Act Amendment Act, 1872." Short Title.

2. In the interpretation of this Act the expression "the said Act" shall mean "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870," and this Act shall be and be construed as part of the said Act. Interpretation.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the eighth section of the said Act, upon the occurrence of the first vacancy in the Members of the Waste Lands Board after the passing of this Act (excepting a vacancy occurring in the office of Receiver of Land Revenue), the person who, on the occurrence of such vacancy, is Chief Surveyor of the County of Westland shall be and become a Commissioner of and Member of the said Waste Lands Board so long as he shall remain such Chief Surveyor. Chief Surveyor of County to be a Member of Waste Lands Board.

And the Chief Surveyor of the County of Westland, who may from time to time hereafter be appointed under the said Act, shall on such appointment be and become a Commissioner of and Member of the said Waste Lands Board so long as he shall remain such Chief Surveyor. Repeal of 40th section of Westland Waste Lands Act.

4. The fortieth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted,—The remainder of the purchase money payable by any purchaser under the thirty-ninth section of the said Act shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue in full at any sitting of the Waste Lands Board held within thirty days after the day of sale; and if no such sitting shall be held within thirty days after the day of sale, then at the next sitting of the said Board after the expiration of such period of thirty days; and in default of payment at one or the other of such sittings, the purchaser shall forfeit his deposit money, and also all right or title to the land.

Repeal of the 47th section of the said Act.

5. The forty-seventh section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted,—That, in the interpretation of the said Act and of this Act, a frontage line shall be taken to mean the boundary of a road river or public reserve, or any stream or watercourse which shall be declared by the Waste Lands Board to constitute a frontage: Provided that all frontage lines which have been declared to be such under the provisions of the section hereby repealed shall, until altered under the provisions of this Act, be deemed and taken to be frontage lines declared by the Waste Lands Board under this Act to constitute a frontage.

Scale of rates for pasturage licenses.

6. In assessing the rent to be paid, under the sixty-fourth section of the said Act, by any persons obtaining pasturage licenses, it is hereby declared that where the license shall be for any quantity of land in one block of the respective areas hereinafter mentioned, then that the rental to be paid in such cases shall not be less than that herein set forth (that is to say)—

For any quantity of land exceeding five hundred acres and not exceeding one thousand five hundred acres, not less than twelve pounds ten shillings per annum;

Exceeding one thousand five hundred acres and not exceeding three thousand acres, not less than twenty-five pounds per annum; and

Exceeding three thousand acres, not less than thirty-seven pounds ten shillings per annum.

And the provisions herein contained shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the provisions contained in the said sixty-fourth section.

Repeal of part of 78th section of Westland Waste Lands Act.

7. Clause three of subsection (d) of the seventy-eighth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted,—

(3.) That rural lands may be leased in blocks of not less than twenty-five acres nor more than two hundred and fifty acres, for seven years, at an annual rental, payable in advance, at the rate of three shillings per acre.

(4.) If at any time of continued residence the lessee of any town suburban or rural land held by him under a lease shall purchase the said land at the upset price as fixed in the said Act, the rental paid prior to the purchase shall be considered as the deposit made on the application for the purchase of the said land; and upon the balance being paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue, the purchaser shall be entitled to a Crown grant thereof:

Provided that if at any time the lessee of any town suburban or rural section shall neglect to pay in advance the annual rent reserved in any lease thereof for a period of three months after the same has become due, the Waste Lands Board shall have power to determine such lease and to declare such lease forfeited, and to dispose of the same by auction, inclusive of improvements effected thereon; and after payment of the rent due and the expenses of the sale, the surplus shall be handed over to the lessee.

Further alteration therein.

8. In lieu of the word “seventh,” where the same occurs in the subsection (g) of the said seventy-eighth section, there shall be inserted the word “fourth,” and all lands affected by the said subsection, and heretofore alienated leased or otherwise disposed of, shall be deemed to be and to have been, from the date of such alienation lease or disposition, subject in all respects to the provisions of the said subsection, as effectually as if the word “fourth” had been inserted in the said Act on the passing thereof.