

## Supplementary Order Paper.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 3rd Day of August, 1916.

### RESERVES AND OTHER LANDS DISPOSAL AND PUBLIC BODIES EMPOWERING BILL.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS BELL, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

Amending and  
extending the  
provisions of the  
Horowhenua  
Lake Act, 1905.

98. (1.) Section two of the Horowhenua Lake Act, 1905, is hereby amended by omitting the words "one-third at least of the members of which shall be Maoris, to be appointed by the Governor."

(2.) The Board established under the said Act shall consist of nine members, to be appointed by the Governor. Of the said nine members, six shall be nominated by the Levin Borough Council, and the three remaining members shall be members of the Native race.

(3.) The members of the Board appointed under this section shall hold office for a term of two years, but shall be eligible for reappointment.

(4.) In the event of a casual vacancy in the office of any member of the Board, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor in the manner in which the original appointment was made, and every person so appointed shall hold office for the residue of the term of the vacating member.

(5.) The members of the Board in office on the passing of this Act shall continue in office until the members appointed under this section come into office.

(6.) The Levin Borough Council may from time to time expend out of its District Fund such sums as it thinks fit for the improvement or benefit of the reserve under the said Horowhenua Lake Act, 1905.

(7.) The Board constituted by this section shall be deemed to be a local authority within the meaning of Part III of the Land Drainage Act, 1908, with respect to the reserve under its control and the Hokio Stream, together with a strip of land one chain in width on each side of the waters of the said Hokio Stream; and the Board shall have and may exercise accordingly with respect to the said area all the powers conferred on a local authority by the said Part III of that Act.

(8.) The powers hereby conferred on the Board shall be exercised by it in conjunction with the Horowhenua County Council.

(9.) Section two of the Horowhenua Lake Act, 1905, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the words "over the lake," in paragraph (a), the words "and the Hokio Stream."

(10.) The reserve under the Horowhenua Lake Act, 1905, comprises all that area hereinafter described, namely:—

All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing nine hundred and fifty-one acres, more or less, being the Horowhenua Lake, together with a strip of land one chain in width at the margin of the lake and surrounding it on all sides, situated in Block XIII, Mount Robinson Survey District, Block II, Waitohu Survey District, and Block I, Waiopahu Survey District, and bounded towards the north generally by Horowhenua 11B 41 North Block, by Horowhenua Pa Block, and again by Horowhenua 11B 41 North Block;

towards the east generally by Horowhenua 11B 36 Block, and by Horowhenua 11B 40, 11B 38, and 11B 39 Blocks; towards the south and west generally by Horowhenua 11A Block, by the abutment of Makomako Road, again by Horowhenua 11A Block, by Ruamatangi Block, by part of Horowhenua 11A Block, and by the crossing of the Hokio Stream: as the same is delineated on a plan marked L. and S. 1/220, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

Increasing the rating powers of the Waikiwi River Board.

99. Section one hundred and twenty-six of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1915, is hereby amended by omitting the words "four shillings," and substituting the words "eight shillings."

Conferring power on Greymouth Harbour Board to quarry, burn, purchase, and sell lime.

100. The Greymouth Harbour Board is hereby authorized to quarry and burn lime within the district of the said Board, and may purchase or sell lime on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

Section 35 of Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913 (relating to Commissioners of Sinking Funds), amended.

101. (1.) Section thirty-five of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "under this section" in subsection two, the words "or under the corresponding provisions of any former Act."

(2.) Nothing in the said section thirty-five as amended by this section shall authorize the removal or suspension of the Public Trustee as Commissioner of the sinking fund in respect of any loan raised from any Department of the Government.

Power to abolish toll-gates or reduce tolls.

102. (1.) If the Governor, after due inquiry, is of opinion that any toll-gate established by a Borough Council is not necessary or that the tolls are excessive and unduly burdensome, he may, by Order in Council gazetted, abolish the toll-gate, or may direct the Council to diminish the tolls taken thereat, as he thinks fit, and such toll-gate shall thereafter be abolished, or the tolls thereat diminished, in compliance with such order:

Provided that nothing herein shall deprive the lessee (if any) of the toll-gate of any right he may have of compensation for any loss sustained by him by reason of such Order in Council.

(2.) No toll-gate shall hereafter be established by a Borough Council without the consent of the Governor in Council, except at a ferry.