

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 9th day of August, 1880.

NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY.

COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. J. C. BROWN, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

If it is shown to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the construction or repair of any necessary public work is being neglected by any County Council, it shall be lawful for the said Governor in Council to issue an order to such County Council to proceed with such public work, and, in default of such order being complied with, the Governor may cause such work to be proceeded with, and defray the cost thereof out of any moneys which may be due and payable to the County Council.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY RESERVES BILL.

Hon. Mr. ROLLESTON, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

3. The Governor shall, by Proclamation, within *six* months after the passing of this Act, define the block of four thousand acres of land at Waitotara, in the Provincial District of Wellington, referred to in the third section of the above-mentioned Act, and which has not yet been described as required by the said section.

NATIVE LAND SALES BILL.

Sir G. GREY, in Committee, to move the insertion of the following sections from the East Coast Maori Land and Special Settlement Bill, as printed, namely: the second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh paragraphs of section 2; also sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29.

Also, the insertion of the following new clauses:—

All trust deeds to be valid though some executed by minors or married women without consent.

. All deeds conveying land or interests in land made by Native owners heretofore, or hereafter to be made by such Native owners, although some of such Native owners may at the time have been or may hereafter be infants or under coverture, shall be good, valid, and effectual for all purposes, and that notwithstanding anything contained in any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of New Zealand relating to Native lands or to the Native Land Court of New Zealand: Provided always that such deeds convey the land therein described, or the right, title, and interest of the conveying parties therein, to trustees in trust for the use and benefit of the conveying parties, although the interests of such conveying parties in the land may be either unequal or equal.

Trust deeds to be exempt from land duty, and from part of stamp duty.

. All such trust deeds by the Native owners to the Board shall be exempt from all stamp duties save the duty on deeds as such of ten shillings, and also from the duty imposed by "The Native Land Duties Act, 1873," and the duties thereby imposed shall be due and payable only in respect of instruments executed by Boards for effectuating first sales or other dispositions by Boards.

Borrowing powers to acquire other lands for purpose of consolidation, and to pay Maori debts.

. Any Board, with the consent of Native owners interested, given at a special meeting, may acquire, by exchange or purchase, or partly by exchange and partly by purchase, any lands adjoining to or connected with the land vested in the Board, or which it would be beneficial for the Native owners to acquire in order to the consolidation of the lands held in trust, and may borrow upon the security of the land vested in it or any part thereof, always excepting reserves, such sums of money as may be necessary to enable the Board to acquire by exchange or purchase such lands, and may also borrow such sums of money as may be required to pay off debts contracted by the Native owners interested and remaining unpaid; but no mortgage under this Act shall contain any power of sale or foreclosure, although full powers may be given to take and receive all rents, interests, and profits arising from any lands mortgaged.

Sales of lands may be made, leases given, special settlements formed, &c.

. Any Board may form special settlements, lay off townships, and may sell at such prices and upon such terms of payment, or may lease, with or without a purchasing clause, for such period and upon such terms as the Board may agree upon, all or any part or parts of the lands vested in it, other than reserves: Provided always that no land shall be sold nor any purchasing clause agreed to by any Board without the consent in writing to such sale or purchasing clause of the majority of the committee interested in the land to be affected having been first obtained, and that at least seventy-five per centum of the purchase-money shall remain on mortgage for a period of not less than *ten* years nor more than *fifty*.

Boards to keep registered offices.

. Every Board shall keep a registered office, and shall appoint a secretary and treasurer and any other clerks and officers which may be found necessary for conducting the business of the Board.

Business books and minute books of proceedings to be kept by Boards.

. Every Board shall cause a complete set of business books to be kept at the registered office, in which shall be entered the whole transactions of the Board; and the whole proceedings of the Board shall be recorded in a minute book to be also kept at the said office. The said business books shall be balanced once in every year upon the *thirty-first* day of *December*, and a balance-sheet shall be made up showing correctly the *staté* of the funds under the management of the Board, and the Board shall annually prepare a report of its proceedings and management for the year. Such report and balance-sheet shall be printed and circulated in Maori among the Native owners interested immediately after the balance-sheet is examined and reported upon by the auditor or auditors herein-after mentioned, and all such business books and minute books shall be open for inspection by any Native owner interested.

Balancing of accounts annually, and Board to report.

Books, &c., may be inspected.

. In all cases where three-fourths in number of the ascertained owners of any lands, whether of an entire block or of any portion of a block after subdivision, to be affected by this Act have executed a deed or deeds of trust to trustees, all the living owners and representatives of deceased owners, whether already appointed or not, shall be bound, and the whole property shall be and be deemed to be vested in the trustees as though the whole of the owners had duly executed the deed of trust: Provided always that the trustees of such land shall reserve from sale a portion or portions of the said land equal to twice the shares of the persons who shall not have signed the said deed, reckoning for this purpose each share as equal: And the certificate of the Resident Magistrate of the district, or Trust Commissioner, or any Judge of the Native Land Court that three-fourths in number of the living owners of any lands to be affected by this Act have executed a deed or deeds of trust to trustees of such lands shall be conclusive proof to all intents and purposes that the requisite majority have so executed the said deed or deeds: Provided always that all lands so subdivided shall bear their fair and equal share of all costs, expenses, percentages, and other charges whatsoever, and the same shall be paid to the trustees or the Board before the power and title of such trustees or Board shall cease over such lands.

Majority of three-fourths to bind minority.

Wherever lands shall be vested in trustees hereunder, before the certificate of title shall be issued, then the trusts shall be declared in such certificate; and where the certificate of a Judge of the Native Land Court under the last preceding clause shall have been obtained on any deed, then in both such cases such certificate or deed respectively may be placed upon the Register of Deeds in the Land Transfer Office at once.

Whenever any Board shall desire to offer any block of land for sale and lease, such block shall be surveyed and cut up, and a plan thereof made, by the Chief Government Surveyor of the district, in accordance with the instructions of the Board; all reserves being marked plainly upon the same.

Every plan so made shall be approved of by the said Chief Government Surveyor, or, if he disapprove, by the Governor in Council; and the cost of such survey and map shall be a first charge upon the proceeds of such land.

All lands offered for sale, except those taken for special settlement, shall be offered for sale by public auction at upset prices to be fixed by the Board, with the sanction of the Government Surveyor; and if they are not sold at any sale, the Board may, if it please, then sell the same or any part thereof privately, at or for the upset price so fixed.