PROVINCE OF NELSON.

COMPENSATION ACT.

IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION IV., No. 1.

AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ISSUE
A COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO CERTAIN CLAIMS
UNDER CERTAIN CONTRACTS OF THE NEW
ZEALAND COMPANY.

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"An Act to authorise the Superintendent to issue a Commission to inquire into certain Claims for Compensation under certain Contracts of the New Zealand Company."

[Assented to 18th June, 1857.]

Preamble.

Whereas certain persons within the Province of Nelson have alleged that they are entitled to compensation for losses and

damages sustained by them in consequence of the non-fulfilment. by a certain Company called the New Zealand Company, of certain contracts entered into with them : And whereas it is expedient that the Superintendent should be empowered to issue a commission to inquire into such alleged claims: Be it therefore enacted by the Superintendent of the Province of Nelson, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, as follows:-

1. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice Superintendand consent of his Executive Council, to issue a Commission ent may issue to any number of persons, not exceeding three, to inquire into a Commission and report to him upon certain claims for compensation which and report divers persons resident in the Province allege that they possess upon Claims in respect of losses and damages sustained by them in respect of for Compensathe non-fulfilment, by the New Zealand Company of their con-tion. tracts: such Commissioners shall conduct their investigations and make their report on such general principles as the Superintendent shall furnish for their guidance.

2. If any Commissioner shall die, resign, or refuse to act, or er resign, &c., become incapable of acting in the Commission, the Superin-Superintendtendent may appoint another in his place.

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3. The Commissioners shall keep a true and faithful record, Record of in a book, of every claim brought before them and the minutes Claims, &c., to of the evidence taken by them in each case, and of every report made decision to which they shall come, and shall report the same to to Superinthe Superintendent.

4. No claims shall be entertained by the Commissioners un-Limitation of less the same shall be sent in to them within six months from the publication of a notice by the Commissioners that they are ready to receive and inquire into claims under this Act.