

No. XXIX.

AN ACT to constitute a Board of Trustees, and to vest in it a certain Public Reserve near to the City of Christchurch, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, for the purposes of a Racecourse.

CHRISTCHURCH  
RACECOURSE  
RESERVE.

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[29th October, 1878.]

WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto has, under Preamble.  
“The Public Reserves Act, 1854,” by grant dated the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, been granted for a public racecourse for the Province of Canterbury: And whereas it is expedient to vest the said land in a Board of Trustees for the purpose of a public racecourse :

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*Christchurch Racecourse Reserve.*

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Act, 1878."

Land in Schedule vested in Board of Trustees.

2. On the passing of this Act the land described in the Schedule hereto shall, without any conveyance, be vested in a Board of Trustees (hereinafter called "the Board"), consisting of the following persons: John Thomas Brown, Henry Porcher Lance, George Gatonby Stead, the Honorable William Robinson, Sir John Cracroft Wilson, Lancelot Walker, and William Henry Wynn Williams; and shall be held by them for the purposes of racing as provided by this Act.

Board incorporated.

3. The Board shall be a corporate body by the name of "The Trustees of the Christchurch Racecourse," with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with full power and authority by that name to sue and be sued in all Courts whatsoever, and shall be capable in law for the purposes and subject to this Act to do and suffer all such acts and things as bodies corporate may do and suffer, with power to take and hold all such lands, tenements, or hereditaments as may be in any manner vested in the Board, either as a site for a racecourse or for any other purpose in connection therewith.

Vacancies.

4. If any member of the Board shall be directly or indirectly concerned in any contract with the Board, or shall receive or be entitled to receive any money or emolument for any work done or to be done for the Board, or shall be absent from the colony for the space of twelve consecutive calendar months, or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or take the benefit of or be brought under the operation of any Act relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or shall become a public defaulter, or shall become convicted of felony, his seat in such Board shall become vacant.

Resignations.

5. It shall be lawful for any member, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, to resign his seat on the Board, and upon the acknowledgment of the receipt by the Governor of such writing the seat of such member shall become vacant.

Vacancies filled up by Governor.

6. If a vacancy occurs in the Board through death, or through any of the reasons aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy.

Board may set apart portion of land as a site for a racecourse.

7. It shall be lawful for the Board to set apart a sufficient portion of the said parcel of land as and for the purposes of a racecourse, and from time to time to vary and alter the portion which may for the time being be so set apart, and to set apart another portion of the said parcel of land as a racecourse in lieu thereof.

Board may lease land.

8. It shall be lawful for the Board, by deed under their corporate seal, to lease from time to time, at such rent and on such conditions as they may think reasonable, the whole or any part of the said parcel of land specified in the said Schedule hereto, for any term or terms of years not exceeding seven years at any one time, and on conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of the racecourse.

Proceeds of land to be expended in improvements.

9. All moneys received by the Board for the rents, issues, and profits of the said parcel of land shall, after deducting therefrom all necessary expenses incurred in the management thereof, be applied in and towards the cultivation and improvement of the said parcel of land, and in rendering any part thereof that may be set apart as a racecourse suitable for that purpose, and in and towards providing prizes for races to be run on the said racecourse, and generally in and towards the encouragement of the breeding of horses.

Board to keep accounts.

10. The Board shall keep accurate accounts of all sums of money received for rents, issues, and profits on account of the said land, and

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of all costs, charges, and disbursements in connection with the management and maintenance thereof, and on the thirty-first day of March in every year, or within one week thereafter, the Board shall prepare accounts and a balance-sheet, showing the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the previous year, and the actual financial state of the Board on the thirty-first day of March in that year; and such accounts and balance-sheet shall be forwarded to the Governor.

**11.** It shall be lawful for the Board, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time to make and alter rules for regulating their own proceedings, for prescribing the conditions on which the public shall be permitted to have access to the said racecourse upon any day when the same shall be used for racing purposes, and for regulating the price for admission on such occasions, for excluding the public from such parts of the said parcel of land as it may be found necessary and desirable to improve or lay down in artificial grasses, for regulating the charges that may be made for the occupation of the said racecourse for the erection of booths or stalls for the sale of refreshments, merchandise, goods, or chattels, and for the admission of horses and vehicles to the said racecourse.

Board may make rules.

## SCHEDULE.

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ALL that allotment or section of rural land numbered 79, situated within the Christchurch District, consisting of 300 acres or thereabouts, commencing at a point on the Harewood Road by Riccarton, 5 miles 48 chains and 60 links from the Market-place of the City of Christchurch, measured along the road; thence running southerly at a right angle to the extent of 46 chains; thence westerly at a right angle to the extent of 59 chains and 20 links or thereabouts, to the north-western boundary line of Section 209, following along the said boundary line 6 chains and 90 links, and thence along the northern boundary line of Section 209, 5 chains and 75 links, to the south-western corner of Section 389; thence following along the north-western boundary line of Section 389, 40 chains, to the north-western corner thereof on the said Harewood Road by Riccarton aforesaid, and returning along the said road to the commencing point: subject, nevertheless, to a road 1 chain wide reserved along the eastern and south-eastern boundaries of the said allotment or section.