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1904, No. 27.

Title. AN ACT to make Provision for the Appointment and Powers of certain Public Officers. [31st October, 1904.]

BE IT 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 is "The Public Officers' Appointment and Powers Act, 1904."

Appointment of Valuer-General.

2. (1.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint some fit person to be Valuer-General, and also some fit person to be Deputy of the Valuer-General, under "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896."

(2.) Such Deputy shall, under the control of the Valuer-General, perform such general official duties as he is called upon to perform by the Valuer-General; and, in case of the illness, absence, or other temporary incapacity of the Valuer-General, such Deputy shall act in his name and on his behalf, and while so acting shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the Valuer-General.

(3.) Paragraph two of section two of that Act is hereby amended by repealing the words "who shall be the Commissioner of Taxes for the time being."

Commissioner of Taxes to cease to be a member of certain Boards.

3. (1.) On the passing of this Act the Commissioner of Taxes shall cease to be a statutory member of the Boards specified in the First Schedule hereto, and in his stead the Governor in Council shall from time to time appoint as member one or other of the following officers as he thinks fit, that is to say,—

The Valuer-General;

The Government Advances to Settlers Office Superintendent (except in the case of his own Board, of which he is a statutory member);

The Secretary of the Treasury ; or
The Under-Secretary for Crown Lands.

(2.) In exercising his powers under this section the Governor in Council may appoint any specified officer to be member of one or more Boards as the Governor thinks fit.

(3.) In cases where the Valuer-General or the Superintendent, being a member of any such Board, is absent from a meeting of the Board, his Deputy may attend and act at such meeting in his stead, and whilst so attending shall be deemed to be a member of the Board.

4. (1.) On the passing of this Act the Commissioner of Taxes shall cease to be a statutory member of the Board of Land Purchase Commissioners constituted under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900," and in his stead the Governor in Council shall from time to time appoint as member one or other of the following officers as he thinks fit, that is to say,—

Board of Land Purchase Commissioners.

The Government Advances to Settlers Office Superintendent ;
The Deputy Commissioner of Taxes ; or
The Under-Secretary for Crown Lands.

(2.) In cases where the Superintendent, being a member of such Board, is absent from a meeting of the Board, his Deputy may attend and act at such meeting in his stead, and whilst so attending shall be deemed to be a member of the Board.

5. The duties required to be performed by the Commissioner of Taxes under "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1886," and such of the duties as are now required to be performed by him under "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," shall hereafter be performed by the Valuer-General and not by the Commissioner of Taxes.

Certain statutory duties of Commissioner of Taxes to be performed by Valuer-General.

6. (1.) The members of the Board of Appeal constituted under "The Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1894" (other than the elective members thereof), shall be such fit persons as the Governor from time to time by warrant under his hand appoints.

Postal Board of Appeal.

(2.) Subsection two of section five of the last-mentioned Act is hereby modified accordingly.

7. (1.) On the occurrence from any cause of a vacancy in any of the offices mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto (whether by reason of the death or resignation of the officer holding the office or otherwise), and so long as such vacancy continues, the Deputy for the time being of such officer shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the officer of whom he was Deputy.

General powers of Deputies on occurrence of vacancy.

(2.) This section applies to vacancies existing at the passing of this Act as well as to those occurring thereafter.

8. The fact of any Deputy exercising any power, duty, or function as aforesaid, or attending and acting at any meeting as aforesaid, pursuant to the respective provisions in that behalf hereinbefore contained shall be conclusive proof of his authority so to do, and no person shall be concerned to inquire whether the occasion has arisen requiring or authorising the Deputy so to do.

Deputy's action validated.

Schedules.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

THE Board constituted under "The Government Life Insurance Act, 1886."

The Government Advances to Settlers Board, constituted under "The Government Advances to Settlers Act, 1894."

The Public Trust Office Board, constituted under "The Public Trust Office Consolidation Act, 1894."

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Office of the Commissioner of Taxes.

Office of the Valuer-General.

Office of the Government Advances to Settlers Office Superintendent.

Office of the Government Insurance Commissioner.

Office of the Chief Inspector of Factories.

Office of the Registrar of Friendly Societies.