

*Right Hon. Mr. Forbes.*

ASHLEY RIVER IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925. Title.

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Ashley River Improvement Amendment Act, 1937, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925 (hereinafter called the principal Act). Short Title.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the day of , nineteen hundred and thirty- Commencement.

Altering date of next general election of members of Trust.

2. The next general election of members of the Trust shall be held on the second Wednesday in the month of May in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, and subsequent general elections of members shall be held on the second Wednesday in the month of May in every third year thereafter. The present elective members of the Trust shall hold office until the election in the month of May in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

Allowances to members of Trust.

3. The Trust may, out of its funds, pay to any of its members such remuneration as it may deem reasonable, not exceeding ten shillings and sixpence per diem, for every day on which he may be engaged on the business of the Trust either in attending meetings of the Trust or any Committee of the Trust, or on business at the request of the Trust, but the amount payable to any member under this section shall not exceed the sum of twelve pounds twelve shillings in any period of twelve months.

Section 7 of principal Act amended.

4. (1) Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Third Schedule thereto", the words "with any amendments thereof heretofore or hereafter made".

Third Schedule to principal Act amended.

(2) The Third Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting therein a reference to section sixty-two of the Land Drainage Act, 1908, as amended by section seven of the Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1913, and by omitting therefrom the reference to section twenty-seven of the River Boards Act, 1908.

Ashley River Trust declared to be a River Board within the meaning of River Boards Act, 1908.

5. The Ashley River Trust is hereby declared to be a River Board within the meaning of the River Boards Act, 1908, with the special powers and subject to the limitations conferred and imposed by the principal Act.

Lands of Trust, unless let for term exceeding six months, not deemed rateable property.

6. Lands belonging to or vested in the Trust for river conservation or protection or for drainage purposes, and which are either occupied by the Trust or let by it to a tenant for not exceeding six months, shall be deemed not to be rateable property within the meaning of the Rating Act, 1925.

Trust may vary special rates made by local authorities by direction of Trust.

7. (1) The power conferred on the Trust by section twenty-three of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, is hereby extended to enable the Trust, with the approval of the Audit Office, from time to time, by resolution, to direct any local authority to amend or vary any special rate made and levied by it by direction of the Trust.

(2) A copy of such resolution under the seal of the Trust and of the approval of the Audit Office shall be transmitted to the local authority, which shall thereupon amend or vary such rate according to the tenor of such  
5 resolution.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Fencing Act, 1908, the Impounding Act, 1908, or any other statute, and notwithstanding that such lands, works, plantations, or trees may not be fenced by a fence within  
10 the meaning of the Fencing Act, 1908, or the Impounding Act, 1908, the Trust may claim and recover in any Court of competent jurisdiction from the owner of any cattle (as defined by the Impounding Act, 1908) trespassing  
15 on any lands vested in or under the control or management of the Trust full satisfaction for any actual damage sustained by the Trust in consequence of such trespass, or caused by such cattle to such lands or the works, plantations, or trees thereon.

Provision for claims for damage caused to works of Trust by stock trespassing thereon.