

[AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE, 15TH JULY, 1896.]

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CANTERBURY COLLEGE

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Canterbury College.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Canterbury College Act, 1896." Short Title.

2. In this Act,— Interpretation.

10 "The Board" means the Board of Governors of Canterbury College:

"The said Ordinance" means "The Canterbury College Ordinance, 1873":

15 "Town Committees" means the Committees of the school districts within the City of Christchurch and Committees of school districts which have under their charge schools the principal of which is situated within a radius of seven miles of any boundary of the said City of Christchurch:

20 "Country Committees" means the Committees of all school districts in the Provincial District of Canterbury which have schools under their charge the principal of which is situated more than seven miles from any boundary of the said City of Christchurch.

3. Section eighteen of the said Ordinance is hereby repealed. Repeal.

25 4. Those members still surviving (and being at the date of the coming into operation of this Act members of the Board) who were appointed by section four of the said Ordinance members of the body corporate shall continue members of the Board for life, or until they resign or become incapable, under section six of the said Ordinance, of continuing to act as Governors: Provided that on any one or

30 of them ceasing to be Governors the vacancies then created shall not be filled up. Life members.

Term of office of old members.

5. All members of the Board elected under section eighteen of the said Ordinance shall cease to hold office from the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Election of members.

6. In addition to the members continuing under section four of this Act, the Board shall consist of eighteen members, to be elected as follows: Four by the graduates of Canterbury College, two (being residents of the Provincial District of Canterbury) by the Governor in Council, two by the members of the House of Representatives representing electoral districts the areas of which districts are wholly or mainly in the Provincial District of Canterbury, such election by members of the House of Representatives to be conducted according to regulations made by the Governor in Council, six four by the town Committees, eight six by the country Committees. Any dispute as to the classification of a School Committee shall be decided by the Returning Officer, whose decision shall be final.

"The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," to apply.

7. The election of members by the graduates shall be conducted according to the provisions of "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876." Every person whose name appears on the roll of graduates of Canterbury College shall be entitled to vote at such election.

New clause.

Voting.

7A. Any graduate or member of the House of Representatives entitled to vote for the election of a member of the Board, but who is unable to be present, may record his vote by letter or telegram, or may give a proxy to any other graduate or member of the House of Representatives to vote in the name and on behalf of such person in any election of a member of the Board, but no proxy shall be allowed for any other purpose.

Election of members by Committee, how conducted.

8. The election of members by the town Committees and country Committees respectively shall be conducted separately, in the manner provided for the election of members of a Board of Education by "The Education Act, 1877," and the Acts amending the same.

Dual nominations.

9. Any person nominated by both a town and a country Committee shall declare for which he elects to be a candidate. Failing such election, the Returning Officer shall declare him to be a candidate for that class of district in which his residence is fixed.

Registrar of Canterbury College to be Returning Officer.

10. The Registrar of Canterbury College shall be the Returning Officer for the election of the Board, and shall do such acts as may be necessary for the effectual carrying-out of the provisions of this Act.

Qualification for election.

11. Any person whose name appears on any roll of persons qualified to vote at an election of members of the House of Representatives within the Provincial District of Canterbury shall be capable of being elected to the Board.

Extraordinary vacancy, how filled.

12. In the event of any extraordinary vacancy occurring, as provided by section six of the said Ordinance, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board by nomination at one ordinary meeting, and by a ballot (if necessary) at the next succeeding ordinary meeting: Provided the member so elected shall sit only for the remainder of the term of the member in whose place he is elected.

Tenure of office.

13. One-half the members of the Board elected by the graduates and the town and country Committees respectively under this Act shall go out of office on the thirty-first day of January, one thousand

eight hundred and ninety-nine. The names of those who shall then cease to hold office shall be those whose names are first alphabetically. The remaining half shall cease to hold office on the thirty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and one. With the exception
 5 of the one-half of the Board ceasing to hold office on the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and members elected by the Board under section *eleven* of this Act, each member of the Board shall hold office for four years. *Members appointed by the Governor in Council, or elected by the members of the*
 10 *House of Representatives, shall hold office for four years.*

14. The first elections of members of the Board under this Act shall take place not later than the *seventh* day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and the new Board shall take office on the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight
 15 hundred and ninety-seven.

Date of first elections under this Act.

New clause.

14A. The Governor in Council may make regulations for fixing the date of the first meeting of the Board, and also for regulating the proceedings at the first and all subsequent elections to the Board, and generally for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this
 20 Act.

Regulations.

15. The Board may pay actual travelling-expenses to any member for his attendance at the meetings of the Board.

Travelling-expenses.

16. The accounts of the Board shall be subject to audit by the Government Auditor, according to any law applying to the audit of the accounts of local authorities.

Audit of accounts.

17. The balance-sheet of the Board for each year ending the thirty-first day of December shall be open for inspection at the office of the Registrar, free of charge, at all times during office hours.

Inspection of balance-sheet.