

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

CLUTHA FLOODS RELIEF FUND TRUSTEES
EMPOWERING.

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AN ACT to provide for the Application of the Unexpended Balance in the Hands of the Trustees of the Clutha Floods Relief Fund. Title.

5 WHEREAS in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight a fund, known as the Clutha Floods Relief Fund, was raised by public subscription or otherwise for the relief of persons who had sustained loss through the flood in the Clutha River in the year above mentioned: And whereas, ~~after providing for all~~ Preamble.
10 ~~known claims against the said fund,~~ there exists an unexpended balance of two hundred and eighteen pounds ten shillings and ninepence, which sum is now on deposit with the Bank of New Zealand at three per centum interest in the names of Charles Stephen Reeves and Keith Ramsay, both of Dunedin (hereinafter referred
15 to as "the Trustees"): And whereas it is expedient that power be given to the Trustees to apply the said unexpended balance in manner hereinafter appearing:

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Clutha Floods Relief Fund Trustees Empowering Act, 1903." Short Title.

2. The Trustees are hereby empowered to transfer the sum of two hundred and eighteen pounds ten shillings and ninepence, now
25 on deposit with the Bank of New Zealand aforesaid, together with all present and future accretions of interest thereon, to the Shipwreck Relief Society of New Zealand. Power to transfer balance of fund to Shipwreck Relief Society.

New clause.

3. Before such payment is made it shall be the duty of the
30 Trustees, in consultation with the Colonial Treasurer, to inquire into the circumstances and necessities of any person or persons who have sustained loss through the aforesaid flood and to apply the whole or such part of the said fund as such Trustees may think fit towards the benefit or relief of such person or persons; and any moneys not so
35 applied shall, with the consent only of the Colonial Treasurer and only upon his being satisfied that the Trustees have complied with the provisions of this section, be transferred as mentioned in section
two hereof. Inquiry to be made before transfer.

4. The receipt in writing of the said sum, with interest as
40 aforesaid, signed by the Chairman for the time being of the Central Executive Committee of the said Shipwreck Relief Society of New Zealand shall be a sufficient discharge ~~from all liability in connection with the said moneys.~~ Receipt of Chairman of Shipwreck Relief Society to be sufficient discharge.