

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Crown Lands (Nelson) Leasing Act 1867." Title.

WHEREAS by "The Crown Lands (Nelson) Leasing Act 1867" it is (amongst other things) enacted that all persons desiring leases of unoccupied portions of Crown Lands not suitable for agricultural purposes shall lodge with the Commissioner an application and description thereof in the form in the said Act mentioned and shall at the time of lodging such application pay to the Commissioner a fee of five pounds for any quantity not exceeding one thousand acres and a further fee of five pounds for each additional one thousand acres or fractional part of one thousand acres so applied for And by the said Act it is further (amongst other things) enacted that it shall be lawful for every holder of a pastoral license in the said Province within the space of one year after the said Act shall have come into force to apply for and obtain subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed by the said Act except as to maximum of acreage a lease under the said Act of the land held under such license or any portion of the same as in the said Act mentioned And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the fees made payable as aforesaid upon applications for leases of unoccupied portions of Crown Lands were intended to be charged upon applications for leases made by holders of pastoral licenses in respect of land held under such licenses And whereas it is expedient to set such doubts at rest and to make provision for cases in which such payment has already been made and to make other provisions in relation to the same.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be "The Crown Lands (Nelson) Leasing Amendment Act 1868." Short Title.

2. Upon every application made by the holder of a pastoral license in the said Province under the provisions of the said Act for a lease of the land held under such license or any portion thereof there shall be paid a uniform fee of ten pounds and no more in lieu of the fees mentioned in the fifth section of the said Act. Fee payable by applicants for leases of land held under license.

3. All fees heretofore paid upon any such application as last aforesaid shall subject to a deduction of the sum of ten pounds in respect of such application be repaid to the person who has paid the same or at the option of such person be placed to his credit in part payment of any rent or license fees payable by him pursuant to his license or lease as the case may be. Fees to be repaid or credited.

4. Upon any such application heretofore made where the fee paid shall be less than ten pounds the applicant shall pay such further sum as will when added to the amount already paid make up the sum of ten pounds and no application shall be deemed to have been duly made under the said Act unless within three calendar months after this Act shall have come into force such additional payment shall have been made. Additional payments to be made in certain cases.