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DISPOSAL OF PASTORAL LANDS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Disposal of Pastoral Lands.

Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Disposal of Pastoral Lands Act, 1882," and shall be deemed to be incorporated with, and shall be read and construed, *mutatis mutandis*, with "The Land Act, 1877."

Short Title.

10 2. All Crown lands which shall, after the passing of this Act, be let or leased, or occupied under license or in any other way for pastoral purposes, shall be dealt with in the manner hereinafter provided.

Lands dealt with under this Act.

No larger extent of land than will be sufficient, according to the estimate of the Land Board, to carry all the year round five thousand sheep or one thousand head of cattle shall be disposed of in one block.

15 3. Before any run shall be opened for application the Land Board shall determine the amount of rent to be paid for such run, and notify the same by advertisement in the usual manner, together with the name of the place where such applications must be made and the day on and after which such applications will be received, and such advertisement must be issued at least six months before the day on which such

20 applications can be first received.

Terms of license.

4. No applicant shall at any one time apply, directly or indirectly, for more than one run; and no holder of a run shall be entitled to apply for a run under the terms of this Act.

No applicant to apply for more than one run.

25 5. When more applications than one are made on the same day for the same run such applications shall be disposed of by ballot.

Lands disposed of by ballot.

30 6. The license shall be for such term not exceeding twenty-one years as the Land Board shall fix, and shall be determined at any time in manner provided by "The Land Act, 1877," if the Minister of Lands shall be of opinion that the whole or any part of the land therein comprised is required for the purpose of being opened to the public.

Duration, &c., of license.

7. The applicant to whom any run shall be allotted under the provisions of this Act shall pay the first three months' rent in advance within one month after the date of the acceptance of his application, and in default of such payment the run shall again be opened for

35 application.

Mode of payment of rent.

Repeal of section 126
of "The Land Act,
1877," and provision
in lieu thereof.

8. Section one hundred and twenty-six of "The Land Act, 1877," is hereby repealed.

The interest in a run held under any license may be transferred to the Land Board only, and to no other body or person, by writing, attested by a Justice, and at such price or sum as arbitrators appointed by the Board and the person making such transfer respectively previously to such transfer have fixed: Provided that such last-mentioned person shall be liable for any rent due at the time of the transfer. 5

The run or runs so transferred shall thereafter be dealt with in like manner as other runs under this Act, consideration being had by the Land Board in fixing the amount of rent to the sum paid to the person who transferred the run to the Board. 10

Disposal of runs
unapplied for.

9. If there be no applicant for any run which has been opened for application the Board may reduce the amount of the rent, and the run shall be again opened to application after notice of the same shall have been given in manner hereinbefore provided, and so on from time to time until the license of the said run shall have been applied for and granted. 15

Declaration and
penalties.

10. The declaration contained in section sixty-two of "The Land Act, 1877," shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be made by and apply to every applicant under this Act, who, in the event of any statement contained in such declaration being false, shall forfeit all his rights to such run, and shall also be liable to the penalties attached by any law in force for the time being to the offence of wilful and corrupt perjury. 20 25