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EXHIBITIONS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for the holding of Public Exhibitions in New Zealand. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Exhibitions Act, 1910. Short Title.
 2. The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council authorise the holding of public exhibitions of works of industry and art within the meaning of this Act, and may set apart temporarily for the purposes of any such exhibition any area of Crown land or (with the consent of the persons in whom the fee-simple of the land is vested, or of any local body in whom the control of the land is vested) of other land. Governor in Council may authorise exhibitions, and set apart sites for same.
 3. (1.) The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint such persons as he thinks fit to be Exhibition Commissioners for the purposes of any such exhibition, and shall appoint one of those persons to be president. Exhibition Commissioners may be appointed.
 - (2.) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Commissioners so appointed shall carry out and superintend the exhibition for which they are appointed Commissioners; and for that purpose shall, if the Governor in Council so directs, have exclusive control of the land set apart for the exhibition so long as may be necessary for the purposes of the exhibition. Commissioners to have control of exhibition.
 - (3.) No commission for the holding of any exhibition shall remain in force for more than one year: Commission not to extend over one year unless specially authorised.
- Provided that the Governor in Council may in the case of any exhibition extend the time during which the commission for that exhibition shall remain in force for such period, not exceeding one year, as he thinks fit.

Incorporation of
Commissioners.

4. The Commissioners for any exhibition shall for the purposes of this Act be a body corporate by the name fixed in the Order in Council appointing the Commissioners, and shall by that name have succession until the purposes for which they were appointed have been carried out, and all claims and demands by or against them in their corporate character have been satisfied, and shall have a common seal and a right to sue or be sued, and power to compound or to prove in any Court of competent jurisdiction all debts due to them. 5

Duties of
Commissioners.

5. Subject to any special directions by the Governor in Council, the Commissioners shall take all measures necessary for providing, erecting, altering, lighting, and maintaining the buildings and premises required for the exhibition for which they were appointed, and for providing adequate means of access thereto, and for securing and obtaining the most effective display of all articles received for public exhibit. 10 15

Power to close
streets temporarily.

6. (1.) For the purposes of any exhibition within the meaning of this Act, the Governor in Council may from time to time authorise the Commissioners to temporarily close any road or street, or any part thereof, and to enter into occupation of the same, and construct any building or erect any fence thereon, and dig up and remove the soil thereof, and otherwise make use of the road or street, or part thereof, closed as aforesaid, as if the same were land granted for the purpose. 20

(2.) No Order shall be made under this section by the Governor in Council unless he is satisfied that *the local authority and the* owners of the property adjoining the road or street proposed to be closed consent thereto. 25

(3.) The Commissioners shall as soon as practicable after the close of the exhibition, and on the request of the local authority having the control of the road or street closed as aforesaid, remove all buildings, fences, and other obstructions on the said road or street, and restore the soil thereof and the level thereof to the same condition as when they entered into occupation thereof. 30

Power to make
by-laws.

7. The Commissioners may from time to time, with the approval of the Governor in Council, make such by-laws as they think fit for any of the following purposes:— 35

- (a.) The conduct of their own proceedings;
- (b.) The due management of the affairs of the exhibition in its several departments;
- (c.) The temporary admission or exclusion of the public or any individual to or from the exhibition buildings or grounds, or any part thereof respectively, and the behaviour to be observed therein;
- (d.) The sum to be demanded and paid for admission to the exhibition buildings or grounds, or any part thereof respectively, and, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of section *eleven* hereof, the manner in which all moneys received by the Commissioners shall be applied; and
- (e.) Any purposes of public instruction, enjoyment, or entertainment for which the exhibition buildings or grounds, or any part thereof respectively, may be used and applied. 40 45 50

New proviso.

Provided that no Commissioners appointed under this Act shall permit any person or persons to dispose of alcoholic beverages within the precincts of any area under their control.

- 5 8. Subject to any regulations from time to time made by the Governor in Council, and on receiving a statutory declaration from any importer or his agent of his intention to exhibit at any exhibition within the meaning of this Act any articles specified in the statutory declaration, the Minister of Customs may, by order under his hand, authorise the admission into New Zealand, without payment of any duty of Customs, of any articles so specified as aforesaid; but those articles shall, if sold during the exhibition or retained in New Zealand after the close of the exhibition, be liable to all duties of Customs to which they would have been liable if this section had not been passed.

Exemption of exhibits from Customs duties.

- 15 9. The Governor in Council may from time to time suspend, modify, or negative, either absolutely or subject to such conditions as he thinks fit,—

Governor may suspend, &c., certain Acts.

- 20 (a.) All or any of the provisions of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, and of any award or industrial agreement in force thereunder, and of the Factories Act, 1908, and the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, in the case of any exhibition mentioned in the Order, either generally or so far as they affect the Commissioners, or any person employed by them, or any exhibitor, or any person employed in or about the exhibition:

- 25 (b.) All or any of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act, 1908, in the case of persons who desire to enter New Zealand as visitors or exhibitors in connection with the exhibition.

30 *New proviso.*

- 35 Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to increase the number of hours provided for in any of the Acts suspended, or to reduce the ordinary or overtime rate of pay fixed by any of the Acts named or by any industrial agreement or award of the Arbitration Court: Provided further that overtime rates shall be paid for any hours worked in excess of the number of hours fixed by statute, agreement, or award.

- 40 10. The provisions of the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1908, relating to the inspection of machinery and boilers, and to the fencing of machinery, and to defective machinery, shall apply to boilers and machinery used at or in connection with any exhibition: Provided that no fee shall be charged for any inspection under this section of any boiler or machinery used solely for driving purposes at or in connection with the exhibition.

Inspection of machinery used at exhibitions.

- 45 11. Where the expenses of carrying out any exhibition are defrayed wholly or in part out of moneys provided by Parliament, the following provisions shall apply:—

Provisions as to Government exhibitions.

- 50 (a.) All moneys from time to time appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the exhibition, and all moneys received by the Commissioners in respect of the exhibition, shall be paid into the bank at which the Public Account is kept, to the credit of an account to be called "The Exhibition Account."

- (b.) The moneys from time to time standing to the credit of the last-mentioned account shall from time to time be applied to the purposes of the exhibition by the Commissioners under the direction of the Minister of Internal Affairs. 5
- (c.) Not later than three months after the close of the exhibition, and again not later than three months after the affairs of the exhibition have been finally wound up, and all claims and demands by and against the Commissioners have been satisfied, the Commissioner shall transmit to the Minister of Internal Affairs a report of their proceedings, containing a full account of their receipts and expenditure, duly audited by the Audit Office; and a copy of each such report, and of all regulations and by-laws made in connection with the exhibition, shall be laid before Parliament. 10 15
- (d.) If on the final winding-up of the affairs of any such exhibition the Audit Office reports that there are any surplus proceeds from any source whatever, the amount of such surplus proceeds shall be paid by the Commissioners into the Public Account. 20

Local authorities
may exhibit.

12. (1.) Any local authority may, out of its ordinary revenue, defray the cost of collecting and preparing exhibits of the products and resources of its district, and of exhibiting the same at any exhibition within the meaning of this Act. 25

(2.) For the purposes of this section "local authority" means the Council of any borough or county, or any Road Board, Town Board, or Education Board.

Repeals.

13. The New Zealand International Exhibition Empowering Act, 1905, and the New Zealand International Exhibition Act, 1906, are hereby repealed. 30