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Hon. Mr. Bollard.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

Title.

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act, 1923, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. It shall be, and be deemed at all times heretofore to have been, lawful for the Council to permit the Mayor or any Councillor to travel without charge on any tramway or other service established for the conveyance of passengers and conducted by the Council.

Councillors may travel without charge on municipal tramways.

3. The Council may hire, or may acquire and maintain, motor-cars or other means of conveyance for use in the performance by the Mayor and Councillors of their official duties.

Council may acquire motor-cars, &c., for use of Mayor and Councillors in performance of official duties.

4. The Council may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time prepare and publish handbooks, abstracts, or other publications containing information and matters of interest relative to the history, administration, or affairs of the borough.

Council may publish handbooks, &c.

5. Section eighty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection four, and substituting the following subsection :—

Water-rates for ordinary supply may be uniform or graduated as Council from time to time determines.

“(4.) (a.) In respect of the ordinary supply to lands and dwellinghouses, to which water is supplied, the rate shall be either a

uniform rate or a graduated rate, as the Council may from time to time determine.

“(b.) Where a uniform rate is charged it shall be computed as follows:—

“(i.) Where the annual value does not exceed twelve pounds ten shillings, the rate shall not exceed *ten* shillings per annum: 5

“(ii.) Where the annual value exceeds twelve pounds ten shillings, the rate shall not exceed *six* per centum thereof. 10

“(c.) Where a graduated rate is charged it shall be computed as follows:—

“(iii.) Where the annual value does not exceed twelve pounds ten shillings, the rate shall not exceed *ten* shillings per annum: 15

“(iv.) Where the annual value exceeds twelve pounds ten shillings, the rate shall not exceed *seven* per centum of the first one hundred pounds of such value; *six* per centum of the second hundred pounds of such value; *five* per centum of the third hundred pounds of such value; and *four* per centum of so much of such value as exceeds three hundred pounds.” 20

Cost of proceedings as to constitution of new boroughs or alteration of existing boroughs.

6. (1.) Section one hundred and thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “such of the local authorities” in subsection two, the words “and other persons.” 25

(2.) Section one hundred and thirty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “such of the local authorities” in paragraph (h) of subsection one, the words “and other persons.”

(3.) Section one hundred and thirty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:— 30

“(7.) The cost of all proceedings under this section shall be defrayed by such of the local authorities and other persons concerned, and in such proportions, as the Governor-General by Order in Council directs.” 35