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South Rakaia Road Board.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make provision for the Apportionment of certain Moneys and Property of the late South Rakaia Road Board, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS on the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, the South Rakaia Road District, in the County of Ashburton was, by Proclamation under the hand of the Governor, in pursuance of powers vested in him by "The Canterbury Roads Ordinance, 1872," and "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875," divided into two new districts, named respectively the Mount Hutt and Acton Road Districts: And whereas on the said twenty-eighth day of July there was at the credit of the South Rakaia Road Board, in the Bank of New Zealand at Rakaia, certain moneys, and the South Rakaia Road Board was further possessed of certain property: And whereas it is expedient that such moneys and property should be equitably divided between the said two districts:

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 South Rakaia Road Board Act, 1877."
2. All the money and property of every kind which immediately before the issue of the hereinbefore recited Proclamation belonged to or was vested in the said South Rakaia Road Board shall be divided and apportioned between the Mount Hutt and Acton Road Boards, and the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners (hereinafter included in the term "the Commissioners") for that purpose.
3. In making such division the Commissioners shall apportion the said moneys and property between the Mount Hutt and the Acton Road Boards in proportion to the value of the rateable property in the respective districts on the date of such division, and also in proportion to the amount of money formerly expended by the South

Rakaia Road Board on either side of the division line mentioned in the Proclamation.

The Commissioners may call for and examine such books, papers, and documents belonging to or in the possession of the late South Rakaia Board, or of any other person or persons on its behalf, and may take such evidence as they shall think necessary for the purposes of this Act, and shall have and may exercise all the powers and authorities which might be exercised by Commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council under "The Commissioners Powers Act, 1867," or any Act amending the same.

Commissioners to report in writing to Governor.

4. The Commissioners shall make such apportionment and division in writing within one month after their appointment, and shall transmit their award thereon to the Governor, who shall cause the same to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*; and from and after the date of such apportionment and division the moneys and property affected by such award shall vest in and belong to the respective Boards in the manner therein provided; and every such division and apportionment shall be binding and conclusive for all purposes, and shall be sufficient authority to every person or body interested to pay or deliver such moneys or property to the Board in which it may be vested under this Act.

Acton Road District to be called the South Rakaia Road District.

5. Upon such publication in the *Gazette*, the Road District now known as the Acton Road District shall become and be called the South Rakaia Road District, and the Road Board of such district shall be called the South Rakaia Road Board, and all moneys and property of every kind then belonging to the Acton Road Board, or which it may be entitled to under this Act or otherwise, shall belong to and vest in the South Rakaia Road Board created by this Act.