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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Lands Act, 1874." Title.

WHEREAS by "The Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Lands Act, 1874" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") it is recited that "By resolutions of the Provincial Council of the Province of Taranaki, passed on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, it was resolved 'That this Council approves of "The New Zealand Titanic Steel and Iron Company (Limited)" being allowed to select three thousand acres of land in the Moa Block, adjoining the two thousand acres already selected in the Tarurutangi Block, after the General and Provincial Governments have made the necessary reserves:.' And whereas by section two of the said Act it is enacted that "Within one month after the passing of the Act (now in recital) it shall be lawful for "The New Zealand Titanic Steel and Iron Company (Limited)" (hereinafter called "the Company") to select out of the block of waste land in the Province of Taranaki known as "the Moa Block" a parcel of land not exceeding in the case of the Company an area of three thousand acres, and such block shall be selected in one parcel and not in several parcels, and shall be of such shape and with such frontages as shall be approved of by the Superintendent of the said province. The said area of three thousand acres to be selected by the Company shall be in addition to the area of two thousand acres already selected by them in the Tarurutangi Block; and such last-mentioned land shall for all purposes be deemed to have been selected under the Act (now in recital) and subject to the provisions thereof:." And whereas by section three of the said Act it is enacted that "Such selection as aforesaid may be made by any person duly authorized on behalf of the Company; and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the law for the time being in force in the said province for the sale and disposal of waste lands of the Crown, the Company shall pay to the Provincial Treasurer of the said province for such land at the rate of five shillings per acre, and such money shall be paid before the Crown grants for the land selected shall be made, as hereinafter provided. The moneys so paid to the Provincial Treasurer shall not for any purpose be deemed to be Land Revenue of the province, and shall not

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“ be subject to or affected by the provisions of ‘The Public Debt
 “ Apportionment Act, 1858 :’ ” And whereas by section six of the said
 Act it is enacted that “ Upon the completion of the said furnace or
 “ furnaces as aforesaid, and upon the certificate in writing of the Super- 5
 “ intendent that the provisions of this Act have been fully complied
 “ with in respect of the lands hereby authorized to be selected as afore-
 “ said, it shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name and on behalf of
 “ Her Majesty the Queen, to issue grants of the lands selected by the
 “ Company under the provisions of this Act : ” And whereas the two 10
 thousand acres which by the said Act it is declared had then been
 selected out of the Tarurutangi Block was a selection made prior to the
 boundaries of the said block being correctly defined and determined by
 survey, and it has since been ascertained by survey of the said block
 that one thousand acres only, being the piece of land described in the 15
First Schedule hereto, is capable of being granted out of the said
 Tarurutangi Block : And whereas the said Company by and with the
 approval of the Superintendent of the late Province of Taranaki did
 select three thousand acres in the said Moa Block : And whereas, so
 soon as it was ascertained by survey that not more than one thousand 20
 acres could be selected out of the said Tarurutangi Block, the said
 Superintendent, in order to make up the requisite quantity of five
 thousand acres intended to be granted to the said Company under the
 provisions of the said Act, did select out of the said Moa Block a further
 quantity of one thousand acres, the said three thousand acres and 25
 one thousand acres so selected out of the said Moa Block together
 comprising the piece of land described in the *Second* Schedule hereto :
 And whereas the said Company has paid for the said five thousand
 acres at the rate and in the manner as in the third section of the said
 Act is provided : And whereas the said Company has obtained the 30
 certificate mentioned in the sixth section of the said Act : And
 whereas, in consequence of the said Tarurutangi Block not containing
 the two thousand acres to be selected thereout and thereby rendering
 it necessary to select four thousand acres out of the Moa Block, doubts
 have been raised whether the Governor can under the authority of the
 said Act grant to the said Company the land so selected as aforesaid, 35
 and it is expedient and necessary, to set such doubts at rest, to authorize
 the Governor to issue to the said Company a Crown grant for the
 pieces of land described in the *First* and *Second* Schedules hereto :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New
 Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 40
 as follows :—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Taranaki Iron Smelting
 Works Lands Act 1874 Amendment Act, 1880.”

Further grant of land
 to New Zealand
 Titanic Steel and
 Iron Company
 (Limited).

2. The Governor may issue to “The New Zealand Titanic Steel
 and Iron Company (Limited)” a grant or grants for the pieces or 45
 parcels of land described in the *First* and *Second* Schedules hereto for
 an estate in fee-simple in possession, free from incumbrances.

Subject to provisions
 of said Act.

3. The grant or grants to be so issued shall be deemed and taken
 to be issued under the authority and in fulfilment of the provisions of
 the said Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of the said Act 50
 as amended by this Act.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land, containing one thousand (1000) acres, more or less
 situate in and being the Section numbered one hundred and thirty-two (132) on the
 plan of the Tarurutangi District, in the Provincial District of Taranaki. Bounded as
 follows : commencing at the north-western corner of the said section, at the point of
 intersection of the Mangaoraka River with the Bedford Road there ; bounded thence
 towards the West by the Mangaoraka River ; thence towards the South-west by waste

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land, one thousand six hundred and seventeen links; thence towards the South-east by the Waiongona River; thence towards the North-north-east by the said Bedford Road; and thence towards the North by the said Bedford Road, ten thousand four hundred and seventy links, to the point of commencement.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing four thousand (4,000) acres, more or less, situate in and being the Section numbered one hundred and eighty-four (184) on the plan of the Moa District, in the Provincial District of Taranaki. Bounded as follows: commencing at the north-western corner of the said section at the point of intersection of the Waiongona River with the Bedford Road there; bounded thence towards the North-west by the said Waiongona River; thence towards the South-west by the Cambridge Road, fifteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-three links; thence towards the South-east by the Durham Road, sixteen thousand and fifteen links; thence towards the North-east by the Bedford Road, twenty-one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one links; and thence towards the North-north-east by the said Bedford Road to the point of commencement.