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## VOLUNTEER DRILL-SHEDS AND LANDS.

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### A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Lands held as Sites for Volunteer Drill-sheds, and for certain other Volunteer Purposes. Title.

5 WHEREAS under various Acts of the General Assembly and otherwise certain lands have been granted to or otherwise set apart for or Preamble.

vested in corporate bodies or persons for the purpose of erecting and maintaining drill-sheds for the use of persons enrolled in the Volunteer Forces of the colony; and by such Acts or in some other manner trusts have been declared concerning such lands, and powers and duties conferred and imposed on such corporate bodies or persons in relation thereto: And whereas lands are also held by or vested in corporate bodies or persons as Trustees under other Acts of the General Assembly for the purposes of erecting and maintaining drill-sheds as aforesaid, or for similar purposes, or generally for "Volunteer purposes," either with or without a drill-shed, or as parade-grounds, and respecting which no trusts or no sufficient trusts have been declared or powers conferred on such Trustees: And whereas certain other lands are held or used for the purposes aforesaid, or some of them, without any definite title thereto, or such title is only of a temporary nature, or is otherwise insufficient to enable the persons interested to carry out the objects for which such lands are held or used as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that all the enactments affecting such lands should be repealed, and that a general Act should be passed for the purpose of vesting, controlling, and managing such drill-sheds and the lands hereinbefore mentioned in a uniform manner, and declaring and defining the rights, powers, and duties of the authorities in whom such lands may be vested, and generally for bringing all lands used or that may hereafter be used for the purpose of erecting and maintaining drill-sheds for Volunteers or for Volunteer purposes under the provisions of this Act:

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Volunteer Drill-sheds and Lands Act, 1888."

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall come into force on the *first* day of *October*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, which day is hereinafter referred to as the commencement of this Act: Provided that the powers conferred by section *twelve* of this Act may be exercised at any time after the passing hereof.

Interpretation.

3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"District" means a district now or that may hereafter be constituted under "The Defence Act, 1886:"

"Drill-shed" includes also a gun-room, armoury, and all other buildings used with or for the purpose of making the drill-shed effective:

"Original Trustees" mean the body, person, or persons in whom any lands were vested under any Act in force prior to the commencement of this Act:

"Trustees" mean Trustees appointed and incorporated under this Act:

"Volunteer purposes" mean where land has been or may hereafter be set apart, granted, or conveyed in trust for the Volunteers of a district or for any particular Volunteer corps, or generally for Volunteer purposes, as a site for a drill-shed as defined by this Act, or as such drill-shed with a parade-ground, or as a parade-ground only, or

generally for any other purpose other than a rifle-range, to aid in maintaining the efficiency and discipline of Volunteers as aforesaid.

5 "Volunteers" or "Volunteer Force" or "Volunteer corps" have the meanings that these several expressions have in "The Defence Act, 1886."

PART I.

APPLICATION OF ACT.

4. On the commencement of this Act the several Acts the Repeal.  
 10 Short Titles whereof are set forth in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and every other Act or portion of Act of the General Assembly, and Ordinance or Act of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any former province, then in force under which land has been set apart and granted  
 15 to any corporate body, person, or persons, or is authorized to be set apart and granted to or otherwise vested in Trustees or other persons, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a drill-shed for the use of Volunteers generally, or for any particular body of Volunteers, or for Volunteer purposes within the meaning of this Act, shall,  
 20 so far as the same relate to the vesting in Trustees, or to the constitution, powers, duties, and liabilities of such Trustees, or other persons or bodies, or any of them, be and the same are hereby repealed.

But such repeal shall not affect any contract made, money  
 25 borrowed, security given, or liability incurred, action, prosecution, or proceeding commenced, or any grant, conveyance, lease, or other assurance of land made or authorized to be made, or any other act or thing made, done, or suffered under the authority of, or against the provisions of, any such Act before the commencement of this Act.

30 5. On the commencement of this Act the following provisions shall take effect in respect of every corporate body, person, or persons in which or in whom any land may be vested as a Trustee or Trustees for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a drill-shed, or for Volunteer purposes within the meaning of this Act:—

Former Trustees discharged.

35 (1.) Every corporate body in which any land is vested for the purposes aforesaid or any of them, at the commencement of this Act under any Act of the General Assembly, hereby repealed wholly or in part, shall be dissolved, and the several persons comprising such body shall cease to  
 40 hold office.

(2.) All persons in whom any land is vested at the commencement of this Act for the said purposes or any of them under any Act of the General Assembly as aforesaid, as Trustees for the purposes aforesaid, shall cease to hold  
 45 office as such Trustees.

(3.) Every corporate body which is and all persons who are Trustees of any land vested as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be released and discharged from all

liability which might arise in respect of the trusts upon which any such lands may then be held.

All drill-sheds on Crown land to be subject to this Act.

6. Where the Governor is empowered by any Act of the General Assembly in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Act, or that may hereafter be passed, to grant or convey land to any corporate body or to any person or persons in trust for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a drill-shed for Volunteer purposes, or for any purpose which comes within the meaning of Volunteer purposes under this Act, or when any land is set apart as a reserve for any of such purposes, then the provisions of this Act shall extend and apply to such land accordingly; and a statement on the face of any instrument whereby such land is granted or conveyed to such Trustees, that such instrument is made for the purposes of this Act, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact to all persons or authorities concerned.

Application of Act when land is vested in local body.

7. Where a drill-shed has been erected or may hereafter be erected on land under the control or management of a County or Borough Council or other local governing body having power to make and levy rates, or where any such drill-shed is used or occupied by Volunteers on sufferance, or by some title of an indefinite nature, or is held for any term of years or a less period for Volunteer purposes within the meaning of this Act, or is owned by any person or persons not being a Trustee or Trustees for or on behalf of the Volunteers, the Governor in Council may from time to time apply this Act, or such provisions thereof as he may think fit and applicable to the estate or interest held in such land, to any such drill-shed, and may in and by such Order in Council declare by whom the powers contained in such provisions shall be exercised, and may make such alteration or modification in such provisions as circumstances require or may be deemed expedient.

Application of Act when land purchased by private contributions.

8. When any estate or interest in land upon which a drill-shed is erected has been purchased or acquired by a Volunteer corps out of private funds, and no trusts have been declared concerning such land, or where trusts have been declared concerning the same by any deed or other instrument, the Governor in Council may, on the application of the corps to whom such land belongs, extend and apply the provisions of this Act thereto, and upon such Order in Council being made the trusts declared in any deed or instrument shall cease to be operative so far as the same are inconsistent with this Act, and the Trustee or Trustees shall be discharged from all future liability in respect of such trusts.

In cases where trusts of land not sufficiently defined, Governor to determine.

A certificate, signed by the officer for the time being commanding such Volunteer corps, to the effect that the corps desires that this Act shall be applied to the land purchased or acquired as aforesaid, shall be conclusive evidence that such corps has made application accordingly.

9. When any land has been or may hereafter be set apart, granted, or conveyed in trust for Volunteer purposes within the meaning of this Act, and there shall be any doubt as to the purposes for which such land has been so set apart, granted, or conveyed, the Governor in Council may from time to time define and determine what are the purposes for which such land is held, and may also

declare that the same shall be held subject to the provisions of this Act or such of them as shall be applicable to the lands dealt with.

PART II.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.

- 5     **10.** The Governor may from time to time appoint any number of fit persons, not less than three nor more than seven in each case, to be Trustees for the purposes of this Act. Governor may appoint Trustees.
- In the instrument first appointing such Trustees the Governor shall declare by what name the Trustees shall be incorporated, and  
 10 the limits of the district or part of the district within which they are to act.
- Where original Trustees are reconstituted under this Act, the intention is that, subject to the provisions of this Act, all such Trustees shall be Trustees for the purposes of this Act within and  
 15 for that part of the colony for which the original Trustees were originally constituted.
- 11.** The Governor may from time to time alter, extend, or limit the area of any district or part of a district for which any Trustees are incorporated under this Act, and, upon any such alteration,  
 20 extension, or limitation taking effect, such Trustees shall remain and be the Trustees of the altered, extended, or limited district accordingly, and without any further appointment. Governor may alter districts.
- 12.** Where original Trustees are in office under or by virtue of any Act of the General Assembly, the Governor may, at any time  
 25 prior to the commencement of this Act, appoint such original Trustees, or any of them, to be Trustees under this Act, if they or he be willing to accept such office; and, if not, then the whole of such Trustees or such number of Trustees as shall be requisite shall be appointed by the Governor under the powers herein contained.
- 30     **13.** Where original Trustees are first appointed to be Trustees under this Act, they shall take office on the commencement of this Act, and where Trustees, not being original Trustees, are first appointed under this Act, they shall take office on the date of appointment, or at such other date as may be named in the instrument of  
 35 appointment. Entering upon office.
- 14.** The Trustees first appointed under this Act and their successors in office from time to time shall be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate in fact and in law, by such name and style as shall be determined by the Governor on their first appointment,  
 40 and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with full power and authority by the same name and style to take and hold real or personal property granted, conveyed, transferred to, or vested in them, and to do and suffer all matters and things incidental to or pertaining to a corporate  
 45 body, subject nevertheless to any provisions in this Act contained affecting such powers. Trustees incorporated.
- 15.** In case any Trustee shall die, resign, be convicted of any felony, or become a bankrupt, become incapable to act, or be absent  
 from the district for which he may be appointed for the space of Vacancy in office.

six months, the Governor shall appoint some other fit and proper person to be a Trustee in the place of the person or persons so dying, resigning, being convicted, becoming bankrupt, incapable, or being absent as aforesaid.

Appointment of Trustees to be gazetted.

16. All appointments of Trustees under this Act shall from time to time be gazetted, and the production of a copy of the *Gazette* purporting to be printed by the Government Printer for the time being, containing a notification of the persons appointed to be Trustees under this Act, shall be *prima facie* evidence that such persons have been duly appointed. 5

Property to vest in Trustees appointed under this Act.

17. When a body of Trustees is constituted under this Act all real and personal property of any kind whatsoever, which immediately prior to the date when such Trustees take office shall be vested in the original Trustees, shall be deemed to be and is hereby vested in the Trustees appointed under this Act and their successors in office for the like estate and interest as the same was vested in the original Trustees, without any conveyance, assurance, assignment, or transfer whatsoever. 10

Registration of title by Trustees.

18. Upon production to any District Land Registrar appointed for and acting in any district constituted under "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," of any certificate or other instrument of title under that Act or any similar Act heretofore in force, together with a statutory declaration by any three of the Trustees appointed under this Act to the effect that the land mentioned or referred to in such certificate or instrument is held by or on behalf of such Trustees, such Registrar shall cause such land to be transferred to or vested in the Trustees in their corporate name. 15

Grants to Trustees may be registered notwithstanding trusts.

19. When any grant or other instrument of title made or issued by the Governor or the Governor in Council under this or any other Act authorizing the grant or conveyance of land for the purposes of a drill-shed or for Volunteer purposes contains or has expressed therein any trust, such grant or instrument may nevertheless be registered under the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885." 20

Contracts, &c., deemed made with Trustees.

20. All contracts of any kind made or entered into between the original Trustees or any other person or persons, and in force at the commencement of this Act, shall for all purposes as from that date be deemed to have been made with the Trustees constituted under this Act. 25

Rights and liabilities now existing to devolve on Trustees.

21. All lawful rights, claims, obligations, liabilities, and engagements whatsoever of or against the original Trustees, and outstanding on the commencement of this Act, shall as from such date be deemed to be rights, claims, obligations, liabilities, and engagements respectively of or against the Trustees constituted under this Act. 30

Conduct of business by Trustees.

22. For the purpose of conducting the business pertaining to the duties of Trustees the following provisions shall have effect:— 35

- (1.) A meeting of Trustees may be convened by any two Trustees by notice delivered personally to the other Trustees, or at their last known place of abode in the district, seven days at least before the day for holding such meeting, or in such other manner as the Trustees shall by by-law appoint. 40
- (2.) A majority of the Trustees present at a meeting or an adjournment thereof may make by-laws providing for the 45

times and places of meetings and the proceedings thereat, for the use and custody of the common seal, and for the appointment of a Chairman, and may declare that such Chairman shall have a casting as well as an original vote.

- 5 (3.) By-laws may in like manner be made by the Trustees for the times, terms, and conditions when and subject to which the drill-shed and other lands or premises vested in the Trustees shall be used by Volunteer corps and others; and, where the drill-shed or other premises is used by others than Volunteers or members of the Defence Forces, may fix reasonable charges to be paid for such use, or if such drill-shed, lands, or premises may by the terms of the original Act or authority under which it is held be used by any persons other than Volunteers, may regulate the time and manner of the use of such drill-shed, land, and premises by such persons, but without making any charge for the same.
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- 20 (4.) By-laws may in like manner be made for any other object or purpose which it may be within the powers of the Trustees to make by-laws, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with this Act, and any by-law made under this Act may be revoked, altered, or made anew as occasion shall require.
- 25 (5.) A copy of the by-laws under the common seal, and of all amendments made therein from time to time certified by the Chairman of the meeting, shall be transmitted by him to the ~~Commander of the Forces~~ *Minister of Defence*, and a copy thereof so certified shall be posted up and maintained in a conspicuous part of the drill-shed.
- 30 (6.) Such by-laws may impose a fine not exceeding *one* pound on any person contravening the same.
- 35 (7.) Any such fine, if incurred, and any sum of money which any person has agreed to pay for the use of the drill-shed or premises, may be recovered by the Trustees by action in any Court of competent jurisdiction, and all such fines or sums of money shall belong to the Trustees and be applied for the purposes and in the manner specified in the *thirty-ninth* section of this Act.
- 40 (8.) In any such action a copy of any by-law under the common seal, and being certified as a correct copy of such by-law by any two Trustees, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such by-law.
- 45 (9.) Any by-laws, rules, or regulations in force at the commencement of this Act, and made under any Act hereby repealed wholly or in part, shall remain in force and be operative as if made under this Act until new by-laws, rules, or regulations are made under this Act.

23. The Trustees may in their corporate name enter into any contract with any person for doing or supplying anything which the Trustees are by this Act authorized to do, or which is or may be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to this Act.

Trustees may make contracts.

Form of contracts.

24. Any contract which if made between private persons—  
 Firstly, must be in writing under seal ;  
 Secondly, must be in writing signed by the parties thereto ;  
 Thirdly, may be made verbally without writing.

When made with the Trustees—

In the first case, shall be in writing under the seal of the Trustees ;

In the second case, shall be signed by two of the Trustees on behalf of and by direction of the corporate body ;

In the third case, may be made verbally without writing by the Trustees or by any two members thereof on behalf of and by direction of the corporate body :

and all such contracts may be varied and discharged in the same manner respectively.

Purposes to which drill-shed applicable.

25. The Trustees shall stand seised of the land vested in them under this or any other Act as a site for a drill-shed, and for any other purposes in connection therewith or for Volunteer purposes, for the use of the several corps of different arms of the Volunteers for the district or part of district mentioned in the instrument first appointing Trustees under this Act.

Trustees to maintain drill-shed in repair.

26. The Trustees shall maintain and repair any drill-shed and other buildings now erected or hereafter to be erected on the land vested in them under this Act, and may add to, alter, remove, and pull down the said buildings, and erect others in addition thereto or in place thereof either upon the present site of the said buildings or upon any other portion or portions of the said parcels of land which they may from time to time set apart for that purpose, and from time to time may vary and alter the portion or portions which may for the time being be so set apart, and set apart another portion or other portions of the said parcels of land for the said purposes in lieu thereof, and shall also maintain and keep any land vested in them for Volunteer purposes in an effective and suitable state and condition for the purposes for which it is so vested: Provided that, before any drill-shed or other building shall hereafter be erected on any land held under this Act, the plans of such building, or of any alteration in or addition thereto, shall be first approved by the Minister of Defence or some competent person to be appointed by him for that purpose from time to time.

As to contribution to drill-shed from existing corps.

27. Where it is provided by any Act in force immediately before the commencement of this Act that any Volunteer corps shall be entitled to an interest in any such drill-shed or land only on contributing or paying a certain sum of money, then such first-mentioned corps shall only be so entitled on payment of the stipulated sum accordingly, unless the several Volunteer corps interested shall agree otherwise.

As to contribution towards expenses incurred by corps subsequently enrolled.

28. Where a Volunteer corps is enrolled after Trustees have been constituted under this Act, and such Trustees have incurred liabilities in respect of the erection, repair, or maintenance of a drill-shed, or otherwise for Volunteer purposes, and which are or may be discharged by the Trustees out of funds to be contributed by the several Volunteer corps in the district, or part of a district for which such Trustees have been constituted, then and in any such case such first-mentioned



Volunteer corps shall only be entitled to the use of the drill-shed upon becoming liable for such proportionate share of such liabilities as may be agreed upon between the several corps interested.

5 **29.** If any Volunteer corps shall decline or refuse to make such payment as hereinbefore mentioned or if no such agreement in any of the cases aforesaid shall be made, the Governor may, at the request of any corps interested in the drill-shed or in any land held for Volunteer purposes, appoint some person to determine how such liabilities shall be apportioned, and the decision of such person shall be final; 10 and if any Volunteer corps shall fail or neglect to pay or provide for any liability so apportioned, then the Governor may direct that any contribution or capitation or other money payable out of moneys then or at any future time voted by the General Assembly for such corps or the members thereof shall from time to time be applied to the 15 satisfaction of any such liability wholly or in part as the case may be.

Apportionment of contribution between several corps.

**30.** If at any time after the commencement of this Act it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Minister of Defence that a more suitable site is desirable for the erection of a drill-shed for the purposes of this Act, or that more suitable land can be obtained for Volunteer 20 purposes, the Trustees may, with the previous written consent of such Minister, sell and dispose of any land vested in them under this Act, and execute any conveyance or other instrument for vesting the land sold in a purchaser, and shall apply the proceeds of such sale to the purchase of a new site in fee-simple, and the erection of a new 25 drill-shed and other buildings thereon or otherwise in making the same suitable for Volunteer purposes; and such newly-purchased land and the drill-shed and other buildings to be erected thereon, or such land alone, as the case may be, shall be held subject to the trusts and powers contained in this Act.

Trustees may sell land to purchase more suitable site.

30 **31.** In any such case as mentioned in the last-preceding section the Trustees may, with the like consent as aforesaid, exchange any land held by them for the purposes of this Act for other suitable land, and may give (out of any funds in their hands held under the trusts 35 contained in this Act) or receive any money by way of equality of exchange, and may execute any conveyance or other instrument as may be necessary for effecting such exchange; and such land taken in exchange, and the drill-shed and other buildings to be erected thereon, or such land alone, as the case may be, shall be held subject to the trusts and powers contained in this Act. All moneys received 40 by way of equality of exchange by the Trustees shall be applied and expended in the manner prescribed in section *thirty-nine* of this Act.

Trustees may exchange land for more suitable site.

**32.** The Trustees may from time to time borrow, on the security of the rents, issues, and profits of any land vested in them under 45 this Act, any sum or sums of money that have been incurred or that may be requisite for building or repairing, altering or adding to, any drill-shed or other buildings, or for rendering such land fit for Volunteer purposes, and for such a purpose may execute any deed or instrument securing to the lender or lenders the said rents, issues, and profits.

Application of surplus proceeds.

Trustees may borrow on security of land for building or maintaining drill-shed.

50 **33.** In any such deed or instrument granting such security as is hereinbefore mentioned, it shall be expressly provided that the lender or lenders shall have no power of sale over the lands comprised in the security nor over anything save the rents, issues, and profits of the land leased under the authority of ~~the said~~ this Act, nor for a period exceeding twenty-one years.

Mortgage to contain no power of sale.

Moneys borrowed to be spent on the land.

**34.** All moneys borrowed under the provisions of this Act shall be applied and expended on the land vested in the Trustees under this Act, and either in and towards the building of a drill-shed and other necessary buildings or otherwise for Volunteer purposes.

On repayment of loan Trustees may again borrow for same purposes.

**35.** The Trustees may, after any moneys borrowed before the commencement of this Act, or that may be hereafter borrowed under the provisions of this Act, shall be repaid, borrow any sum or sums of money upon the security of, and subject to the terms provided in, this Act, and, so often as any such sum or sums, or any part thereof, shall be repaid, the Trustees may so reborrow the same or any less sum.

Trustees may lease land unoccupied for volunteer purposes.

**36.** The Trustees may from time to time lease the whole or any part of the said parcels of land vested in them, and not required for the purposes of a drill-shed and other buildings connected therewith or for Volunteer purposes, for any term or terms of years not exceeding twenty-one years at any one time.

Every such lease shall be granted after public auction or public tender, and at such rent and on such conditions as the Trustees think reasonable, and upon the special condition that substantial buildings of a permanent character only shall be erected on the land to be leased.

Lease to be subject to approval of Minister.

**37.** No such lease shall be made or executed or agreed to be made or executed except with the previous consent in writing of the Minister of Defence; and if any such lease shall be so made or executed or agreed to be made or executed without such consent, it shall be void and of no effect at law or in equity.

Lease may be made subject to renewal.

**38.** The Trustees may insert, in any lease or leases to be granted at any time or times hereafter in pursuance of this Act, a clause or clauses for the renewal of the same respectively, and may grant any such renewal or renewals in pursuance of such clause or clauses, and whether such leases shall be granted in pursuance of any agreements made by any original Trustees before the commencement of this Act or not, and the insertion of such clause or clauses, and the granting of such renewal or renewals, shall be deemed to be within the powers of the Trustees under this Act.

Application of rents and other moneys received by Trustees.

**39.** All moneys received by the Trustees for the rents and profits of the land vested in them shall, after deducting therefrom all necessary expenses incurred in the management thereof, be applied in and towards the erection and maintenance of *any* building to be used as a drill-shed and other necessary buildings upon the said land or otherwise in rendering such land fit for Volunteer purposes, and *in and towards the payment of the principal and interest money secured by mortgage as aforesaid, and generally in and towards the support and encouragement of the Volunteer corps in the district or part of a district for which the Trustees shall be constituted, and for such other purposes connected with the Volunteer Force as the Trustees may from time to time determine to apply the same.*

Trustees to keep accounts, &c., and prepare annual balance-sheet.

**40.** The Trustees shall keep accurate accounts of all sums of money received for rents, issues, and profits on account of the land vested in them, and of all costs, charges, expenses, and disbursements in connection with the management and maintenance thereof, and on the thirty-first day of March in every year, or within one week thereafter, the Trustees shall prepare accounts and a balance-sheet show-

ing their receipts and disbursements during the previous year and the actual financial state of the estate on the thirty-first day of March in that year.

5 41. Such accounts and balance-sheet shall be transmitted by the Trustees to any person appointed by the Minister of Defence for that purpose, who is hereby required and empowered to examine and audit such accounts and balance-sheet, and shall have all such duties, powers, and authorities in relation thereto and in respect of all persons affected thereby as the Controller and Auditor-General  
10 has in respect of the Public Accounts of the colony, and all the provisions of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," and any Act amending the same, shall extend and apply to the accounts to be rendered under this Act, and all persons affected thereby shall have the same  
15 duties and liabilities as if the same respectively were expressly included in the provisions of the said Acts.

Audit to be made by any person appointed by the Minister of Defence.

20 42. No person lending money to the Trustees under this Act shall be concerned to inquire into the necessity or propriety of any security or lease, or be concerned to see to the application of the money borrowed or the rents received, or be answerable for the misapplication thereof respectively.

Lender not bound to see to application of moneys lent.

25 43. In the event of the several corps of Volunteers to whom any land is granted failing to keep up the standard of efficiency of service, as the same may from time to time be prescribed by any Act or Regulations for the time being in force affecting the Volunteer  
30 Forces of the colony, or of their services being discontinued, or of their being disbanded, then and in either of such cases the whole of the lands originally granted by the Crown to any Trustees or other body or persons for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, or which are or may be vested in Trustees under this Act, and the appurtenances, shall be vested in Her Majesty the Queen, and shall be and become part of the demesne lands of the Crown :

On disbanding of corps, public land to revert to the Queen.

35 Provided that in such event the rents and profits of all such lands shall still remain subject to the conditions of this Act as a security to the lender or lenders of any money that may have been borrowed prior to the commencement of this Act or under the authority of this Act.

40 This section of this Act shall only extend and apply to land which may have been granted by the Crown to any Trustees or other body or persons without payment of purchase-money, and not to any case where lands have been purchased or otherwise acquired for valuable consideration by such Trustees, body, or persons, and whether before or after the commencement of this Act.

45 44. Any drill-shed or other buildings erected upon any land vested in Trustees under this Act, and used or occupied by any Volunteer corps, may be used by the Permanent Militia, or any other branch of the Permanent Defence Forces of the colony, for such period and at such time and in such manner as the Minister of Defence may from time to time require, and no charge for the use of such shed or buildings shall be made or recoverable by the Trustees for  
50 such use.

Drill-sheds to be open for the use of the Permanent Defence Forces of the colony.

Inspection of drill-sheds and land.

45. The Minister of Defence and any officer or other person appointed by him may at all reasonable times enter upon any land held under this Act and into or upon any drill-shed or other buildings erected upon any land vested in Trustees under this Act, and used or occupied by the Volunteers of the district or by any Volunteer corps, and inspect and examine the state and condition thereof, and may require the Trustees to make any improvement on any such land or any repairs in or additions or alterations to such drill-shed or other buildings which the Minister of Defence shall deem necessary for the purpose of making such land, drill-shed, or other buildings effective for Volunteer purposes.

Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

- 1879, Local No. 24. "The Christchurch Drill-shed Act, 1879."  
 1876, No. 75. "The Dunedin Drill-shed Reserve Act, 1876."  
 1877, Local No. 8. "The Dunedin Drill-shed Reserve Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1877."  
 1884, Local No. 18. "The Dunedin Drill-shed Reserve Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1884."  
 1878, Local No. 44. "The Hamilton Volunteer Hall Site Act, 1878."  
 1879, Local No. 8. "The Hamilton Volunteer Hall Site Act 1878 Amendment Act, 1879."  
 1880, Local No. 9. "The Invercargill Drill-shed Site Act, 1880."  
 1881, Local No. 3. "The Port Chalmers Drill-shed Act, 1881."  
 1879, Local No. 38. "The Riverton Drill-shed Reserve Management Act, 1879."