

Enclosure No. 2.

SYNOPSIS of the ACTS passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand in the Session of Parliament held in the Year 1890.

The Public General Statutes.

1. The Imprest Supply Act authorises an advance of £200,000 out of the Public Account by way of imprest for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1891. The money to be charged in the manner expressed in the Appropriation Act of the session appropriating the same.
2. The Imprest Supply Act (No. 2) authorises a further advance of £175,000 in the same manner as stated in the above-mentioned Act.
3. The Imprest Supply Act (No. 3) authorises a further advance of £150,000 in the same manner as stated in the Imprest Supply Act.
4. The Dog Registration Act Amendment Act provides for a reduction of registration fee for sheep- or cattle-dogs, not exceeding three in number, the property of the same owner, in country districts.
5. The Representation Act Amendment Act (temporary) provides for the formation of electoral rolls of new electoral districts, by declaring that the report of the Representation Commissioner fixing boundaries for the said districts shall take effect at once, instead of on the dissolution or expiry of Parliament.
6. The Educational Reserves Leasing Act modifies the terms and conditions upon which reserves may be leased, especially when consisting of bush-lands, and for the issue of timber licenses.
7. The Education Reserves Act Amendment Act validates the apportionment of certain reserves made for education purposes, and rectifies certain errors made in the apportionment thereof.
8. The Naval Reserves Vesting Act vests in the Admiralty certain lands near Auckland which were reserves for naval purposes and as a naval reserve.
9. The Todman Land Grant Act authorises the grant of certain land at Waitara to Robert Bradshaw Todman, in lieu of other lands at New Plymouth to which he was found entitled, but which had been disposed of by the Crown in error.
10. The Arbitration Act is an adoption of the Imperial Statute 52 and 53 Vict., c. 49, on the same subject, and repeals all former enactments relating thereto.
11. The Mercantile Agents Act is an adoption of the Factors Act of the Imperial Parliament, 52 and 53 Vict., c. 45, and repeals all existing parts of "The Mercantile Law Act, 1880," relating to advances to agents.
12. The Electoral Acts Amendment Act provides for written nominations of candidates for the House of Representatives, and substitutes for the public declaration of the result of the poll an advertisement in a newspaper. Part II. provides a scheme whereby seamen who are registered for any district in the colony may vote in any port in the colony where they may be at the time of any election for such district.
13. The Census Act Amendment amends the principal Act and its schedules in certain particulars.
14. The Companies Act Amendment Act provides for the liquidation of companies under the principal Act, though not registered under that Act, if registered elsewhere under a similar Act, and provides for a preferential payment of salaries and wages in any case of winding-up a company.
15. The Shipping and Seamen's Acts Amendment Act amends the law relating to the payment of wages to seamen left on shore on account of illness, and provides that such wages shall be payable for a period not exceeding three months, notwithstanding such illness and his discharge from his ship, and provides for the disposition of such wages for the use of the seamen.
16. The Volunteer Drill-sheds and Lands Trustees Validation Act validates certain acts done by trustees of drill-sheds, &c., notwithstanding an informality in the instrument appointing them respectively.
17. The Rabbit Nuisance Act, in amendment and extension of former Acts on the same subject, makes more stringent provisions for the destruction and the prevention of the spread of rabbits.
18. The Cattle Act is in supplement of "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1881," and provides for dealing with single cases of disease in cattle without proclaiming quarantine over a whole district; also provision is made for the burying of all carcasses lying near any highway.
19. The Sheep Act consolidates and amends in a modified form the provisions of the law relating to the eradication of scab in sheep, the disease having been virtually stamped out.
20. The Government Life Insurance Acts Amendment Act amends the principal Act in several details, and provides for a triennial instead of quinquennial division of profits.
21. The Children's Protection Act, and for the prevention of cruelty, is an adoption of the Imperial Statute 52 and 53 Vict., c. 44, on the same subject.
22. The Mining Companies Act Amending Act amends the principal Act of 1886 in matters of detail, and enacts in regard to foreign mining companies that they shall be subject to "The Foreign Companies Act, 1884."
23. The Coal-mines Act Amendment Act makes better provision for the appointment of managers of mines and their being certificated, and amends the principal Act in details for the greater safety of miners.
24. The Police Offences Act Amendment Act regulates the driving of traction-engines along roads and bridges.
25. The Post and Telegraph Classification and Regulation Act provides a system of classifica-