

No. 40. The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act Amendment Act.—Enlarging and defining the powers of the Court of Arbitration as to penalties for breach of awards and the mode of enforcing them. The Act gives to the Court exclusive jurisdiction, but provides that in order to recover any penalty imposed, a certificate thereof under the hand of the Clerk may be filed in any other Court, and shall thereupon operate as a judgment of that Court, and be enforceable by execution and levy. In defining the powers of the Court of Arbitration, the Act confers power to fix a minimum rate of wages, but takes away the power to fix any age for the commencement or termination of apprenticeship. Provision is also made to facilitate the proceedings of the Court, and insure a speedy settlement of every dispute on its merits, and apart from technical defects; for which purpose the Court, or the President, is empowered to add or join parties, amend or waive errors or defects, extend times, and otherwise make such orders as are deemed expedient in the premises.

No. 41. The Appropriation Act.—Appropriating for the services of the year £2,678,130 out of the Consolidated Fund, £1,187,536 out of the Public Works Fund, and £169,997 out of separate accounts; also providing for the transfer of £425,000 from the Consolidated Fund to the Public Works Fund.

Local Acts.

No. 1. The Wellington Harbour Board Reclamation and Empowering Act.—Vesting certain land in the Wellington Harbour Board, with authority to reclaim the same from the sea. The Act also empowers the Board to borrow £150,000 for purposes of reclamation, harbour improvement, and other specified works.

No. 2. The Hannaton Church Site Act.—Empowering the New Zealand Wesleyan Methodist Church to acquire a church site.

No. 3. The Mairatahi Loan Conversion Act.—Empowering the Waitemata County Council to convert a loan of £1,000 by borrowing afresh at a lower rate of interest.

No. 4. The Wanganui Hospital Board Empowering Act 1893 Extension Act.—Empowering the Board, with the Governor in Council's consent, to extend for ten years the currency of an existing loan of £5,000 at a lower rate of interest.

No. 5. The Port Chalmers Mechanics' Institute Reserves Vesting Act.—Vesting in the Institute a small parcel of land at present vested in the Crown.

No. 6. The University of Otago Leases and Securities Act.—Empowering the University to grant leases of certain lands; also to borrow money on the security of the rents and profits (but not of the fee-simple) of its endowments and lands.

No. 7. The Wellington Harbour Board and Corporation Empowering Act.—Empowering the Board and City Council to exchange certain lands, undertake certain works, and, in the case of the Council, to borrow money for the purpose of paying to the Board the sum required for equality of exchange of the land.

No. 8. The Onehunga Cemetery Act.—Providing for the closing of the existing cemetery at Onehunga and the opening of a new one.

No. 9. The St. Albans Public Library Transfer Act 1893 Amendment Act.—Empowering the trustees of the library to sell certain lands and to apply the proceeds in improving the library.

No. 10. The Borough of Onehunga Water-supply Act.—Providing for the better supply of water to the borough.

No. 11. The New Plymouth Borough Reserves and Street Exchanges Act.—Changing the purposes of certain reserves and streets.

No. 12. The Johnsonville School Reserve Act.—Vesting in the Johnsonville Town Board a parcel of land for the purposes of a public school.

No. 13. The Wellington City Reclamation and Public Baths Act.—Providing for the widening of certain streets, and the erection and maintenance of city baths.

No. 14. The Little River Domain Board Empowering Act.—Empowering the Board to sell certain reserves and purchase others with the proceeds, and declaring the objects for which such reserves shall be held.

No. 15. The Clutha River Board Empowering Act.—Altering the constitution of the Board, and empowering the Board to purchase a steamer, and borrow money for the purpose.

No. 16. The Akitio County Act.—Constituting the county, and defining its boundaries.

No. 17. The Eketahuna County Act.—Constituting the county, and defining its boundaries.

No. 18. The Borough of Masterton Private Roads Act.—Empowering the Council of the borough to declare certain private roads to be public roads.

No. 19. The Richmond Borough Council Empowering Act.—Empowering the Council of the borough to sell certain land and invest the proceeds in the purchase of a public recreation-ground.

No. 20. The Wairarapa South County Loan Act.—Empowering the County Council to borrow from the Government £2,500, in part discharge of an outstanding loan, and providing for the security.

No. 21. The Wairarapa North County Loan Act.—Empowering the County Council to borrow from the Government £2,500, in part discharge of an outstanding loan, and providing for the security.

No. 22. The Thames Borough Loan Conversion Act.—Empowering the Borough Council to convert outstanding loans of £6,500 and £3,500.

No. 23. The Clyde Recreation-ground Sale and Disposal Act.—Empowering the Clyde Town Board to sell certain land and apply the proceeds in purchasing other land as a public domain.

No. 24. The Petone Corporation Lighting and Sanitation Loans Empowering Act.—Empowering the Petone Borough Council to borrow £9,200 in order to acquire land, erect buildings, gas-works or electric-lighting works, and sanitation works, and making general provision in respect of these objects.