

POWER TO SELL REAL PROPERTY.

60. *Waitaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—Section 46: That in the event of any small properties coming into the hands of the Board, power be given to sell.

61. *North Canterbury Hospital Board.*—Clause 46: This Board considers that any Board should have power to sell any lands vested in it not considered necessary to hold.

62. *Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board.*—Boards should be empowered to sell any properties which have come into their possession by way of consideration for relief granted during a recipient's lifetime.

63. *Ashburton Hospital Board.*—Clause 46: That the following words be added: "That sale of small properties falling into the hands of the Board be allowed, provided the funds so obtained are invested and expended in accordance with the approval of the Minister."

POWER TO LEASE.

64. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—That it is desirable that some uniform system of leasing trust lands be introduced, similar to the Nelson and Westland Native Reserves Act.

BORROWING-POWERS.

65. *Ashburton and North Canterbury Charitable Aid Board.*—Boards, as well as Trustees of separate institutions, should be empowered to borrow for certain purposes (*vide* section 32 of 1885 Act and sections 2 and 3, 1907).

APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENDITURE AMONG CONTRIBUTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

66. *Patea District Hospital Board.*—That section 37 is not considered sufficiently explicit to protect leaseholders from solely contributing towards the contributions assessed, as provision is only made for recovery from owners of half the rates levied for hospital purposes by the local bodies, so that where a separate rate for hospital purposes is not struck by local authorities the leaseholder would be solely liable for the full contribution as paid by local authority out of general funds without the possibility of recovery of any portion by the owner.

67. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—Section 37, subsection (2): Strike out all the words after "shall be," and in lieu thereof substitute the following: "Collected by way of a rate struck by the Board over the whole district upon the rateable value of all the rateable property within the district, due notice of such rate having been struck (together with the amount due from each) shall be given to all the local authorities within the district. Each local authority shall collect the rate so struck upon the rateable property in the district represented by it 'in the same manner and at the same time that it collects its own rates.' Each local authority shall be responsible to the Board for the collection and payment of the amount so struck, without any deductions."

68. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—Section 37, subsections (1) and (2): That the following words be added: viz., "but if by reason of any unforeseen circumstances," &c.

69. *Inangahua Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—Section 37: That the word "unimproved" be inserted before the word "rateable" in line 40.

70. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—Section 37, subsection (3): Strike out all words after the word "funds."

71. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board.*—Section 37, (3): In view of the ever-increasing nature of the hospital and charitable-aid expenditure, contributory local authorities should be empowered to make the hospital and charitable-aid rate in addition to, and in excess of, their ordinary maximum rating-power, otherwise their finance may be very seriously hampered.

72. *Stratford Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—That subsection (5) of section 37 be deleted.

73. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.*—Section 37, subsection (5): That in the opinion of this Board, while it is desirable that landlords should bear a part of the financial burden, provision should be made for their representation in counties, the same as in boroughs.

74. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board.*—That section 37, subsection (5), be deleted.

75. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board.*—The only possible way to secure economy would be to cast all responsibility with regard to expenditure upon the contributing local authorities, both in respect of hospitals and the distribution of charitable aid. Each district should take charge of its own sick and relieve its own poor. Every district could easily distribute its own aid, while those districts which are not financially or otherwise strong enough to support hospitals of their own, could send their cases to such hospital as they thought proper, and pay for their treatment and maintenance at a schedule rate.

76. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees.*—That under clause 37 an amendment be introduced to the Bill empowering Boards to collect their own revenue by a rate to be struck over the area.

77. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees.*—That the Government be asked to make it clear whether the rateable value of mining property situated in the district of any local body and appearing on the valuation roll is liable to be included in the computation for hospitals and charitable-aid levy purposes or not.

COST OF NEW BUILDINGS.

78. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees.*—That clause 38 be struck out, with the object of relieving local bodies of the cost of new buildings, which should be provided as heretofore by Government grant and special effort in the districts requiring new hospitals.