

Island, and three shall be similarly elected by producers carrying on business in the South Island.

(5.) Every person appointed as a Government representative under this section shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General.

(6.) With respect to the first members appointed as producers' representatives the following provisions shall apply: (a.) Three of such members shall retire on the thirtieth day of June in each of the years nineteen hundred and twenty-five, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and nineteen hundred and twenty-seven. (b.) The members so to retire in any year shall be determined by lot, save that in each of the said years two representatives from the North Island and one representative from the South Island shall retire. (c.) Any member retiring as aforesaid shall be eligible for reappointment to the Board.

(7.) Except as provided in the last preceding subsection, every person appointed as a producers' representative shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment, save that he may be reappointed in the manner prescribed by paragraph (b) of subsection two hereof, or may at any time be removed from office by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Board.

(8.) On the death, resignation, or removal from office of any member of the Board appointed as a producers' representative the Governor-General shall, on the recommendation of the Board, appoint some fit person to be a member of the Board for the residue of the term for which such first-mentioned person was appointed.

(9.) The powers hereinafter conferred on the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

**5.** The Board shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall be capable of holding real and personal property, and of doing and suffering all that bodies corporate may do and suffer.

**6.** (1.) Any contract which, if made between private persons, must be by deed shall, if made by the Board, be in writing under the seal of the Board.

(2.) Any contract which, if made between private persons, must be in writing signed by the parties to be charged therewith shall, if made by the Board, be either under the seal of the Board or signed by two members of the Board on behalf of and by direction of the Board.

(3.) Any contract which, if made between private persons, may be made verbally without writing may be similarly made by or on behalf of the Board by any two members acting by direction of the Board, but no verbal contract shall be made for any sum exceeding twenty pounds.

**7.** (1.) In any case in which the Governor-General is satisfied that any member of the Board is incapacitated by illness, absence, or other sufficient cause from performing the duties of his office, the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture if the member so incapacitated is a Government representative, or on the recommendation of the Board in any other case, may appoint some fit person to be named by the Minister or the Board, as the case may require, to be a deputy to act for that member during such incapacity; and any deputy shall, while he acts as such, have all the powers and authority of the member for whom he is so acting.

(2.) No such appointment of a deputy and no acts done by him as such shall in any proceedings be questioned on the ground that the occasion for his appointment had not arisen or had ceased.

**8.** (1.) The first meeting of the Board shall be held on a day to be appointed in that behalf by the Minister of Agriculture.

(2.) At the first meeting the Board shall appoint one of its members to be the Chairman of the Board.

(3.) On the second Wednesday in July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and on the same day in each succeeding year, the Board shall hold a meeting for the purpose of appointing a Chairman for the ensuing twelve months.

(4.) Any person appointed as the Chairman of the Board shall hold office until the appointment of his successor in accordance with this section, and shall be eligible for reappointment.

**9.** (1.) Except as provided in the last preceding section, meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as the Board shall from time to time appoint.