

New Zealand.

ANALYSIS.

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swamp land.

1903, No. 25.

Title.

AN ACT to provide for the Encouragement of Settlement on Bush
and other Crown Lands. [30th October, 1903.]

BE IT 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 Bush and Swamp
Crown Lands Settlement Act, 1903."

Encouragement of
settlement on bush
and swamp land.

2. (1.) The Governor, at his discretion, may, in setting apart
any swamp or bush or scrub land to be disposed of by way of sale
or selection under Part III., IV., or V. of "The Land Act, 1892,"
provide—

(a.) That no general rate shall be levied or collected by any local
authority from such land for any period not exceeding four
years in the case of heavy-bush land, or three years in the
case of light-bush land or swamp land, or two years in
the case of scrub land, from the date from which such
land was disposed of, and no local authority shall have
power to levy or collect any such rate from such land
during such period;

(b.) That, after the first half-year's rent has been paid by the
selector, the further instalments of rent payable by him for
a period not exceeding four years in the case of heavy-
bush land, three years in the case of light-bush land or
swamp land, or two years in the case of scrub land, shall
not be demanded:

Provided that if at any time during the first five years
of his occupancy the selector disposes of his interest in the
land the rent conceded under this section shall be paid by
him in full, and thereupon the Land Board may remit such
instalments of rent payable by the incoming tenant, not
exceeding in the aggregate the amount of rent previously
conceded to the selector, as the Board shall think fit.

(2.) Nothing herein shall relieve the selector from the consequences of non-compliance with the conditions of the lease or license in respect to "residence" or "improvements" on bush or scrub land required by "The Land Act, 1892."

(3.) The Land Board may exempt any tenant of swamp lands from the conditions of residence for five years if he from time to time, according to the tenor of his lease or license, puts on the land comprised therein substantial improvements of a permanent nature to twice the amount actually required by section one hundred and forty-four of "The Land Act, 1892," anything therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

(4.) The Governor, in any notification setting apart any lands under this section, may declare what portions of such lands shall for the purposes of this Act be "heavy-bush land," "light-bush land," "scrub land," or "swamp land," respectively.