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1900, No. 1.

AN ACT to make Special Provision with respect to the Bubonic Plague. Title.
[28th June, 1900.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make special provision to prevent or check the disease known as the bubonic plague : Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Bubonic Plague Prevention Act, 1900,” and it shall form part of “The Public Health Act, 1876.” Short Title.

2. (1.) This Act shall have operation only within such cities, boroughs, counties, town districts, and other local governing areas as the Governor from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, declares to be subject to this Act. Operation of Act.

(2.) Such notice may in like manner be revoked by the Governor in whole or in part, as he thinks fit ; and in such case, and from the date of the gazetting of the revoking notice, this Act shall cease to have operation within the local governing area specified in the revoking notice.

3. For the better prevention of the bubonic plague the Governor shall have and may exercise within any local governing area subject to this Act all the powers which by “The Public Health Act, 1876,” are conferred upon the Local Board of Health, or by “The Municipal Corporations Act, 1886,” “The Counties Act, 1886,” or other local governing Act are conferred upon the local authority under such Act. Governor to have powers of Board of Health or local authority.

4. In addition to and irrespective of the powers conferred upon the Governor by the last preceding section hereof, he shall also have Additional powers of Governor.

and may exercise from time to time within any such local governing area as aforesaid full and absolute power and authority to direct, require, and enforce, in such manner and by such means in all respects as he thinks fit,—

- (1.) The isolation, quarantining, inspection, examination, disinfection, and curative treatment of persons, premises, and things ;
- (2.) The cleansing of premises and things ;
- (3.) The destruction of buildings and things ;
- (4.) The control and direction of ships from infected ports or places, including the berthing and discharge of the ships and the treatment of the cargo ;
- (5.) The observance of such sanitary rules as he thinks fit to prescribe ;
- (6.) The establishment and use of special hospitals, quarantine-stations, or places ;
- (7.) The taking of land or premises for temporary use for the purposes of the last preceding subsection hereof ;
- (8.) Any other matter which, in his absolute discretion, he thinks expedient in order to promptly and effectively deal with the bubonic plague.

Acts of Governor
not to be ques-
tioned.

5. Everything done by the Governor, or with the authority of the Governor, under this Act shall be deemed to be an act of State, and shall not be questioned in any Court.

Local authorities,
Magistrates, and
others to co-operate.

6. It shall be the duty of all local authorities, Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and members of the Police Force to co-operate and assist in carrying out the orders and directions of the Governor, and giving effect to this Act.

Penalties.

7. Every person who in any way, directly or indirectly, by act or default,—

- (1.) Obstructs or hinders the execution of any order or direction of the Governor or of any person acting under the authority of the Governor ; or
- (2.) Does anything which the Governor or any person acting as aforesaid forbids to be done ; or
- (3.) Refuses, delays, or neglects to promptly and satisfactorily comply with any direction or requirement of the Governor or of any person acting as aforesaid,—

commits an offence, and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every day during which the offence is continued.

Medical practitioner
to report disease.

8. (1.) If any medical practitioner in attendance on a person sick or suspected to be sick of bubonic plague, or of any sickness whose symptoms raise a reasonable suspicion that it may be bubonic plague, fails or neglects to notify the case to the Colonial Secretary, both by telegram and letter, forthwith upon having reasonable grounds to be satisfied as to the nature of the disease or symptoms, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, and, on conviction, shall also be suspended from practice for such period, not exceeding six months, as the convicting Court directs.

- (2.) Every such telegram and letter shall be free of charge.

9. (1.) All expenses incurred by the Governor or under his authority in the administration of this Act shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund without further appropriation than this Act, but shall, as to one-half thereof, be repaid to that fund by the local authorities in whose districts they have been incurred, and in shares proportionate to the expenses as fixed by the Colonial Secretary. Expenses of Act.

(2.) The share payable by each local authority may be deducted from any subsidy or other money at any time payable to the local authority by the Government.

10. This Act shall be deemed to be repealed on the expiration of the tenth day after the close of the present session of Parliament. Repeal.