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1922, No. 6.—*Local and Personal.*

AN ACT to enable the Christchurch City Council to let Reserve No. 10 (being one of the Parcels of Land mentioned in the Municipal Corporations' Reserves Ordinance of Canterbury, 1868), and the Buildings thereon, known as the Christchurch Municipal Offices. Title.
[28th September, 1922.]

WHEREAS by the Municipal Corporations' Reserves Ordinance of Canterbury, 1868, it was enacted, *inter alia*, that certain lands and tenements and hereditaments, including the parcel of land hereinafter described, should be and the same were thereby transferred to and vested in and held by the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Christchurch and their successors as a body corporate, in trust as and for sites for public buildings, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Christchurch; and it was by the said Ordinance further enacted that it should be lawful for the Superintendent in Council to grant and convey to the said body corporate all the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, including the said parcel of land, upon trust for the several purposes thereinbefore expressed: And whereas by deed of conveyance dated the eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, the said Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury, in exercise of the powers so vested in him by the said Ordinance, did convey and assure unto the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Christchurch and their successors, *inter alia*, all that parcel of land, being Reserve No. 10, containing sixteen perches, more or less, situate in Oxford Terrace West, having one chain frontage on the north side of Worcester Street, and extending back northerly in a rectangular block a distance of one chain immediately north of and opposite to Reserve No. 9, and being one of the parcels of land mentioned and Preamble.

referred to in the said Ordinance as aforesaid, upon the several trusts aforesaid: And whereas buildings have heretofore been erected thereon as offices for the use of the City Council of Christchurch, and the said buildings have been and are still occupied and used by the said City Council as offices: And whereas the said buildings are no longer suitable or adequate for such purposes, and the Christchurch City Council has acquired certain other lands in the said city, at a distance from the said Reserve No. 10, for the purpose of erecting thereon, *inter alia*, offices more suitable for the Council and for the accommodation of its officers and office staff, and in consequence thereof the said buildings on the said Reserve No. 10 will be presently rendered vacant; and it is desirable that the said Council shall be empowered to let and give leases of the said buildings on the said Reserve No. 10 in manner hereinafter appearing:

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Act, 1922.

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2. (1.) The City Council of the City of Christchurch may hereafter from time to time, in respect of the said Reserve No. 10 and the said buildings thereon, exercise all or any of the powers of leasing conferred upon the said Council by sections one hundred and fifty-three to one hundred and fifty-five (inclusive) of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920.

(2.) In exercise of the powers conferred by this section it shall not be obligatory upon the Council to accept the highest or any tender, but where the premises aforesaid are let as a whole the Council may accept any tender if the annual rent to be reserved is not less than five per centum of the capital value of the said Reserve No. 10 and the buildings thereon, as the same is shown on the valuation roll of the City of Christchurch for the time being in force, and where the premises aforesaid are let in lots may accept any tender if the aggregate annual rent to be reserved is not less than five per centum of the capital value aforesaid.

(3.) The power hereinbefore conferred upon the Council to accept a tender other than the highest shall not be exercised in favour of any member of the Council or of any person carrying on any business for profit, and any lease granted in the exercise of such power shall contain a condition that the demised premises shall not be sublet or assigned except with the consent of the Council. Such consent shall not be granted in favour of any person to whom the original lease could not have been granted.