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1913, No. 2.—*Private.*

AN ACT to enable the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the Towns of Featherston and Carterton, and to devote the Net Proceeds of the Sale of the Featherston Lands in or towards the Purchase of other Lands situate in the said Town and the Erection of Buildings thereon, and to apply the Net Proceeds of the Sale of the Carterton Lands towards Liquidation of the Debt on other Properties in the said Town now used for Church Purposes and erecting further Buildings thereon. [3rd October, 1913.]

WHEREAS by conveyance dated the twenty-seventh day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and registered in the Deeds Registry Office at Wellington as No. 41291, certain land comprised in the First Schedule hereto was vested in the Right Reverend Francis Redwood, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church at Wellington, and his successors, Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church at Wellington, upon trust for the erection thereon of a place of worship for persons of the Roman Catholic faith: And whereas under and by virtue of the provisions of the Roman Catholic Lands Extension Act, 1890, the said lands became vested in the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington: And whereas the said Archbishop is also seised in trust of the lands described in the Second Schedule hereto: And whereas a church was erected on the lands comprised in the First Schedule, wherein for many years past worship according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church has been conducted: And whereas a new church is required to be erected, and, it being desirable that the same shall be erected on a more convenient site, the Archbishop resolved to sell the land described in the First Schedule,

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and acquire other lands in the Town of Featherston for the purpose of erecting thereon church buildings: And whereas a presbytery and church were erected on the land comprised in the Second Schedule, and which were for many years past used by the priest and congregation of the Roman Catholic Church: And whereas, owing to the growth and expansion of the Town of Carterton, the Archbishop resolved some years ago to acquire, and did acquire, other and more suitable lands for the purposes aforesaid: And whereas it is desired to sell the said land comprised in the Second Schedule and apply the net proceeds towards payment of the liabilities now existing on the present church and presbytery and school-grounds, and for the purpose of enlarging and further extending the buildings thereon, or for erecting further buildings: And whereas the powers requisite to enable the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington to effectuate such sales and to expend the proceeds thereof in manner aforesaid are not attainable otherwise than by legislation:

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 Roman Catholic Archbishop Empowering Act, 1913.

Interpretation.

2. In the interpretation of this Act the expression "the Archbishop" shall mean and include the Roman Catholic Archbishop or Bishops of the Archdiocese or Diocese of Wellington for the time being.

Archbishop may sell.

3. It shall be lawful for the Archbishop to sell and dispose of the lands comprised in the First and Second Schedules, together with the buildings thereon, either by public auction or private contract, upon such terms and conditions, at such time or times, in such manner, and for such sum or sums as he may deem fit, and to convey and transfer the same to any purchaser or purchasers freed and discharged of and from any trusts.

Application of purchase-money of land in First Schedule.

4. The net proceeds of such sale of the lands described in the First Schedule, after providing for the costs and expenses thereof, shall be expended by the Archbishop in or towards the purchase of lands in the Town of Featherston and the erection of substantial buildings thereon.

Archbishop may borrow.

5. For the purpose of enabling the Archbishop to erect a church and presbytery on the lands so purchased in the Town of Featherston, it shall be lawful for the Archbishop to borrow from time to time, on the security of the said lands or any of them, or any part or parts thereof respectively, and on the buildings intended to be erected thereon, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in all the sum of one thousand pounds, by means of a mortgage or mortgages thereof, such mortgage or mortgages to contain all such covenants, provisoes, agreements, powers of sale, and other powers and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Archbishop and mortgagee or mortgagees.

Application of purchase-money of land in Second Schedule.

6. The net proceeds of the sale of the land described in the Second Schedule hereto, after payment of the moneys now charged thereon, and after payment of the costs and expenses thereof, shall be expended by the Archbishop in or towards the payment of the

moneys now due on the grounds in the Town of Carterton now used for Church purposes, or for enlarging the buildings thereon, or for erecting further buildings thereon, or for all of such purposes.

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**FIRST SCHEDULE.**

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of Featherston, containing 2 roods 23 perches, being Allotment No. 14 of subdivisional plan of Section No. 257 in the said town.

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**SECOND SCHEDULE.**

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate in the Borough of Carterton, containing 8 acres 3 roods 12 perches, be the same a little more or less, being Section No. 26 on the plan of the said borough: bounded towards the north by a public road, High Street, 500 links; towards the east by Section No. 25 on the plan of the said borough, 1775 links; towards the south by Section No. 102 on the plan of the said borough, 500 links; and towards the west by Section No. 27 on the said plan, 1792 links: be the same measurements and each of them a little more or less: and being the whole of the land included in deed of conveyance dated the 20th September, 1867, and registered in the Deeds Office at Wellington as No. 9780.

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