

1881, No. 15.—*Local.*

AN ACT to provide for the Establishment and Management of the
Rangiora High School. [19th September, 1881.]

RANGIORA HIGH
SCHOOL.

WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable to make special provision
for the establishment and management of a high school to be esta-
blished within the Education District of North Canterbury, at Rangiora,
in the County of Ashley :

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 Rangiora High School Act,
1881.”

Short Title.

2. The Board of Governors, to be composed and appointed as
hereinafter provided, shall be and is hereby constituted a body
corporate by the name of the Rangiora High School Board (herein-
after called “the said Board”), by which name such body corporate
shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may hold
lands, and may sue and be sued, and may do and suffer all such things
as corporate bodies may do and suffer.

Board of Governors
of Rangiora High
School made a
corporate body.

3. The said Board shall consist of seven persons, of whom one
shall be the Mayor for the time being of the Borough of Rangiora
by virtue of his office, two shall be elected by the County Council
of Ashley, two shall be elected by the Board of Governors of Canter-
bury College, and two shall be elected by the Board of Education for
North Canterbury ; and the first elections, and all subsequent elections,
by such bodies, whether annual or to fill a vacancy, shall be held on
such days, and conducted in such manner in all respects, as they shall
respectively from time to time by resolution direct :

How members of
Board appointed.

Provided that the first election by each of such bodies shall take
place within three months after the passing of this Act, and all sub-
sequent elections within one month after the vacancy in respect of
which such election is necessary has been notified, as hereinafter men-
tioned, to the body entitled to elect.

4. On the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred
and eighty-three, and on the same day and month in every year there-
after, one of the members elected by each of such bodies shall retire,
and a person shall be elected in his place ; the members to retire
on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-three, being previously determined by ballot of the said Board,
and, in every subsequent year, the one of each such two members
shall retire who has served longest on the Board without re-election ;
but a retiring member may be re-elected.

Rotation of retiring
members.

5. If any member of the said Board shall cease to reside within
the Provincial District of Canterbury for a period of six months, or
shall by writing under his hand resign his office, or become bankrupt,
or be convicted of any indictable offence, he shall immediately there-
upon cease to be a member of such Board.

Cases in which
members cease to
be such.

6. In the event of any vacancy or vacancies occurring by reason
of the death, resignation, or otherwise of the elected members of the said
Board, such vacancy or vacancies may forthwith be filled up by the
election of a new member or members by the said County Council

How vacancies in
Board filled up.

of Ashley, Board of Governors of Canterbury College, or Board of Education for North Canterbury, according as the vacancy shall have occurred in the case of a member who has been elected by the said County Council, Board of Governors, or Board of Education.

Chairman to notify to body entitled to elect.

7. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the said Board, or some other officer authorized for the purpose by it, immediately on a vacancy occurring, to notify the same in writing under his hand, posted, addressed to the Chairman or other principal officer of the body entitled to elect to such vacancy.

Governor may appoint, in case of refusal or neglect to elect.

8. In the event of the refusal or neglect of any body to elect a member of the said Board within the time specified by this Act for such election, the Governor may appoint a member in lieu of the member who should have been so elected.

Date of first meeting and election of Chairman.

9. The Board shall hold its first meeting on a day and at a place to be appointed by the Governor for the election of one of its members as a Chairman, and the Chairman then elected shall hold office until the said thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

The Board shall hold an annual meeting for the like purpose in the month of April in each subsequent year.

At every such meeting, the Board, by a majority of the members present, shall elect one of its number to be Chairman, who shall hold office for a term of one year only, but he shall be eligible for re-election.

In the event of there being an equality of votes, the election of Chairman shall be decided by lot at such meeting.

Resignation of Chairman.

10. If the Chairman shall from any cause cease to be a member of the said Board, or resign the office of Chairman, the Board shall, so soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect another member of the Board to be Chairman in his stead, who shall hold office until the next election of a Chairman as hereinbefore provided.

Deliberative and casting vote.

11. At all meetings of the Board the Chairman, or, in his absence, such member of the Board as the majority of the members assembled shall choose, shall preside; and such Chairman or presiding member shall have a deliberative vote, and in all cases of equality of votes shall also have a casting vote.

Board may establish high school in Rangiora.

12. It shall be lawful for the said Board to establish and maintain in the Town or suburbs of Rangiora a school or schools for the higher education of boys, or of girls, or of both, and to designate the same by distinctive names, all of which schools, however, are throughout this Act included in the term "high school," or "Rangiora High School."

Powers of Board in connection with high school.

13. There shall be vested in the Board the whole control and management of the Rangiora High School, and the said Board shall have full power to appoint and dismiss all professors, masters, teachers, lecturers, examiners, and other officers and servants for the management of the said high school; and also the entire management and superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property of the said high school; and, in all cases unprovided for by this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Board to act in such manner as shall appear to it best calculated to further the purposes intended to be served by the establishment of a high school: And the said Board shall have full power from time to time to make by-laws and regulations for defining

the course of study and education on secular subjects in the said high school, and also for the discipline and examination of the same, the conditions upon which scholars shall be admitted, and the fees to be paid in respect of such admission, and in general touching all other matters, purposes, and things regarding the said high school.

14. The said Board shall make and may from time to time revoke, vary, and make fresh regulations for the conduct of business at its meetings, for determining how meetings shall be convened, and what number of members shall constitute a quorum thereat, and for such other like matters as may be requisite for the conduct of the business of the said Board.

Power of Board to make regulations.

15. Minutes of the proceedings of the said Board shall be regularly entered in a proper book to be kept for that purpose, and at every meeting of the said Board the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read over and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same shall be read, and the minutes when so signed shall be held to be a true statement and record of the proceedings of the Board for all purposes whatsoever.

Minutes of proceedings of Board to be kept.

16. The Board shall keep full and accurate accounts of all its receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and engagements, and shall, in the month of January in each year, cause the same to be audited by such person as the Governor may appoint; and copies of such accounts, when audited, shall be forwarded to the Minister in charge of the Department of Education, together with a report of the proceedings of the said Board during the previous year; and such report and accounts shall be laid before the Assembly at its next session.

Board to keep accounts of its receipts, &c.

17. All things required by this Act to be done by the said Board shall be done in accordance with or in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the said Board, and no act of the said Board shall be invalid or liable to be questioned on the ground that one or more of the members of the said Board was or were incapacitated, or had ceased to hold office as members of the said Board, or on the ground that the seat of any member of the said Board is vacant.

Acts required to be done by Board to be done in pursuance of resolution of Board.

18. The reserves to be vested in the Board in pursuance of the provision hereinafter contained, and all other real and personal estate which may be purchased by the Board or granted as a site or sites for a high school, or devised, bequeathed, or given to the said Board for the benefit of the Rangiora High School without any trusts or powers of a different nature being expressed in the instrument so devising, bequeathing, or giving the same to the said Board, shall be held and dealt with by the said Board under and subject to the provisions of "The High Schools Reserves Act, 1880," the Rangiora High School being hereby declared to be a high school under that Act.

Reserves vested in Board to be under "The High Schools Reserves Act, 1880."

19. The rents, profits, and annual income of all real and personal estate which may be vested in the said Board, together with all funds which may from time to time be derived from fees or payments made in respect of scholars or students attending the said high school, shall be applied by them for the maintenance of the said high school at Rangiora, and the payment of all salaries and expenses connected therewith, and for prizes, exhibitions, and scholarships for the students therein: Provided that the said Board shall have power to set apart,

Income from Board's estate, how applied.

if it shall see fit, out of the said rents, profits, and annual income, such part as it shall consider advisable, either as addition to the capital fund, which shall then be invested in manner as hereinafter mentioned and dealt with as part of such capital fund, or as a reserve fund to meet extraordinary expenses, which shall be invested and dealt with in such manner as the said Board shall direct.

Board's powers to invest its moneys.

20. With respect to any moneys bequeathed or given to the said Board for the said high school, or being rents, profits, and annual income set apart under the preceding section, the said Board shall have power to invest the same in the purchase or upon mortgage of freehold lands in New Zealand, or upon the stocks, bonds, bills, or debentures of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, or of any Municipal Corporation established within such colony, and from time to time to vary any such investment.

Board to obtain portions of reserves for secondary education in Canterbury.

21. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners appointed under "The Education Reserves Act, 1877," for the Provincial District of Canterbury, or, if they fail to act, for two Commissioners appointed for that purpose by the Governor, to select, out of that portion of the reserves for secondary education in the Provincial District of Canterbury not yet selected and set apart for any other high school under any other Act hereinbefore passed authorizing such selection and setting-apart, such reserves as will be equal to one-third of the whole value of the said reserves so remaining unselected and not set apart as aforesaid, to be ascertained in manner following: The said Commissioners shall, within six months after the passing of this Act, make a valuation of the whole of the said portion of the said reserves for secondary education in the said provincial district, and shall determine which of such reserves shall be of a value equal to one-third of the whole value thereof, and shall set apart the reserves last aforesaid for the maintenance of the Rangiora High School; and, on the Proclamation of the Governor that such reserves have been selected and set apart for the said Rangiora High School, the said reserves shall absolutely vest in the Rangiora High School Board incorporated by this Act.

High school to be subject to inspection.

22. The Rangiora High School shall be subject to inspection by an Inspector appointed by the Minister of Education.