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1931, No. 4.—*Local and Personal.*

AN ACT to make Provisions incidental to the Carrying-out of River-improvement and River-protection Works by the South Wairarapa River Board. Title.
[16th October, 1931.]

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

1. This Act may be cited as the South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Act, 1931. Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
“Local authority” means any Council, Board, Trustees, Commissioners, company, body, or persons empowered to make and levy rates :

“District” means the South Wairarapa River District :

“River Board” means the South Wairarapa River Board.

3. If any works authorized by the River Boards Act, 1908, or any other Act, proposed to be carried out by the River Board will be likely to interfere with any road, bridge, or culvert, or other work vested in or under the control of any local authority, or if, in the execution of any such works, the River Board requires to lower or alter any such road, bridge, or culvert, or interfere with any such work, then the River Board before commencing such work shall, unless it obtains the consent of such local authority pursuant to section eighty-four of the River Boards Act, 1908, give not less than fourteen days' notice in writing to such local authority, and therewith shall supply full particulars of the work proposed to be carried out. Notice to be given to local authority of works likely to interfere with roads, &c.

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4. If the River Board does not within the time specified in the notice receive any objection in writing from the local authority to which such notice was given, it may forthwith proceed with or maintain the work.

5. If any such objection is received by the Board and an agreement between the River Board and any local authority concerned cannot be reached, the River Board shall refer the matter to the Engineer-in-Chief of the Public Works Department for decision.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, or some other Engineer of the Department appointed by him, after making such investigation as he thinks fit, shall determine whether or not the work shall be carried out or maintained as proposed by the River Board, or whether the same shall be carried out or maintained with modifications to be indicated by him.

7. If in accordance with the last preceding section it is determined that the work, or the work with modifications indicated, should be carried out or maintained, the River Board may forthwith proceed to carry out or maintain the work in accordance with the determination.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the River Board is hereby authorized to contribute to the cost of the formation or erection or alteration by any local authority of any road, bridge, culvert, or other work and the maintenance thereof where any existing road, bridge, culvert, or other work is likely to be interfered with or any new road, bridge, culvert, or other work is rendered necessary by any proposed work of the River Board.

9. Nothing herein shall apply in respect of the carrying-out by the River Board of any urgent work to meet any emergency.

10. All rates whatsoever of the River Board shall be made and levied on an acreage basis.

11. The River Board is hereby empowered to make, levy, and collect on such acreage basis all such rates for all the purposes of and in the manner provided by the River Boards Act, 1908, and the Rating Act, 1925 :

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the power of the River Board to recover in the manner in which they were made and levied any rates made and levied prior to the coming into force of this section.

12. Sections ten and eleven of this Act shall come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.