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1883, No. 8.—Local.

An Act to constitute a Board of Trustees and to vest in it a certain Title. Public Domain near the Town of Timaru, in the Provincial District of Canterbury, for the purposes of a Racecourse.

[20th August, 1883.

WHEREAS the land described in the Schedule hereto has, under Preamble. "The Public Reserves Act, 1854," been granted in trust as the site for a racecourse for the Province of Canterbury: And whereas it is expedient to vest the said land in a Board of Trustees for the purpose of a public racecourse :

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 Timaru Racecourse Re- short Title. serve Act, 1883."

2. On the passing of this Act the land described in the Schedule Land in Schedule hereto shall, without any conveyance, be vested in a Board of Trustees vested in Board of Trustees. (hereinafter called "the Board"), consisting of the following persons: John William White, Michael Studholme, Thomas Teschemaker, ·Thomas Hall, Thomas Raymond Jones, William Sugden Armitage, and Robert Rutherford, Sheepfarmer; and shall be held by them in trust for the purposes of racing as provided by this Act.

3. The Board shall be a corporate body by the name of "The Board incorporated. Trustees of the Timaru Racecourse," with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with full power and authority by that name to sue ; and be sued in all Courts whatsoever, and shall be capable in law, for the purposes and subject to this Act, to do and suffer all such acts and

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things as bodies corporate may do and suffer, with power to take and hold all such lands, tenements, and hereditaments as may be in any manner vested in the Board, either as a site for a racecourse or for any other purpose in connection therewith.

4. If any member of the Board shall be directly or indirectly concerned in any contract with the Board, or shall receive or be entitled to receive any money or emolument for any work done or to be done for the Board, or shall be absent from the colony for the space of twelve consecutive calendar months, or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or take the benefit of or be brought under the operation of any Act relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or shall become a public defaulter, or shall become convicted of felony, his seat in such Board shall become vacant.

5. It shall be lawful for any member, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, to resign his seat on the Board, and upon the acknowledgment of the receipt by the Governor of such writing the seat of such member shall become vacant.

6. If a vacancy occurs in the Board through death, or through any of the reasons aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy.

7. It shall be lawful for the Board, by deed under their corporate seal, to lease from time to time, at such rent and on such conditions as they may think reasonable, the whole or any part of the said parcel of land specified in the said Schedule hereto, for any term or terms of years not exceeding seven years at any one time, and on conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of the racecourse.

8. All moneys received by the Board for the rents, issues, and profits of the said parcel of land shall, after deducting therefrom all necessary expenses incurred in the management thereof, be applied in and towards the cultivation and improvement of the said parcel of land, and in rendering any part thereof that may be set apart as a racecourse suitable for that purpose, and in discharging any liabilities that may have been hitherto incurred for the said purpose, and in and towards providing prizes for races to be run on the said racecourse, and generally in and towards the encouragement of the breeding of horses.

9. The racecourse subject to the Board shall be available to any racing or jockey club for the purpose of holding race meetings, upon such terms and conditions as shall from time to time be publicly notified by the Board, and at such dates as they may in every such case appoint: Provided always that such racing or jockey clubs shall consist of not less than fifty members, who shall each have paid an annual subscription of not less than twenty shillings towards the funds of such club.

10. It shall be lawful for the Board, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time to make and alter rules for regulating their own proceedings, for the terms, conditions, and dates on which the racecourse may be from time to time used by any racing or jockey club, as in section nine provided, for prescribing the conditions on which the public shall be permitted to have access to the said racecourse upon any day when the same shall be used for racing purposes, and for regulating the price for admission on such occasions,

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Board may make rules. for excluding the public from such parts of the said parcel of land as it may be found necessary and desirable to plant, improve, or lay down in artificial grasses, for regulating the charges that may be made for the occupation of the said racecourse for the erection of booths or stalls for the sale of refreshments, merchandise, goods, or chattels, and for the admission of horses and vehicles to the said racecourse, and for the preservation of order thereon during race meetings.

11. The Board shall keep accurate accounts of all sums of money Board to keep received for rents, issues, and profits on account of the said land, and accounts. of all costs, charges, and disbursements in connection with the management and maintenance thereof, and on the thirty-first day of March in every year, or within one week thereafter, the Board shall prepare accounts and a balance-sheet, showing the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the previous year, and the actual financial state of the Board on the thirty-first day of March in that year; and such accounts and balance-sheet shall be forwarded to the Governor.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land, being Section No. 251 (in red), situate in the Timaru District, and containing by admeasurement one hundred and ninety-seven acres, more or less, the boundary-lines of which are as follows: Commencing at a point on the western side of the South Road, the same being the first bend or turn in the road north of the north-eastern corner of Rural Section No. 3789, following the said road in a northerly direction a distance of forty-one chains; thence westerly at a right angle a distance of thirty-five chains fifty links; thence again at a right angle southerly a distance of thirty-nine chains ninety-eight links to the north-easterly boundary of Rural Section No. 3789, following south-easterly along that boundary a distance of twenty-nine chains eighty links to the north-western corner of the before-mentioned rural section, following easterly along the northern boundary thereof a distance of twenty-one chains eighteen links to the road above mentioned; and from thence returning along that road a distance of twenty-one chains seventyfive links to the starting-point.

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Schedule.