[AS REPORTED FROM THE AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL, STOCK, AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE.]

House of Representatives, 18th November, 1901.

Hon. Mr. Buddo.

AUCTIONEERS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Auctioneers Act, 1908.

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

1. (1.) This Act may be cited as the Auctioneers Amendment Short Title. Act, 1910, and shall form part of and be read together with the Auctioneers Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

(2.) This Act shall commence on the first day of January, Commencement 10 nineteen hundred and eleven.

2. (1.) The application for an auctioneer's license shall state Particulars to the name and address of some person who it is intended will conduct appear in application for auction sales on behalf of the applicant.

(2.) The person whose name and address are so stated may be 15 either the applicant or some other person.

(3.) Where the applicant desires that more than one person shall conduct auction sales on his behalf, it shall be necessary for him to apply for a separate license for each such person.

(4.) The license shall have indorsed thereon, by the clerk of the 20 local authority by whom it is issued, the name and address of the person who it is intended will conduct auction sales on behalf of the applicant.

(5.) The person whose name and address are so indorsed may from time to time be changed on the application of the holder of the 25 license, and on payment of a fee of ten shillings the clerk of the local authority which issued the license shall cancel the former indorsement and make a further indorsement on the license according to the

tenour of the said application. (6.) Notwithstanding anything in section three of the principal 30 Act it shall not be necessary for the person whose name and address are indorsed on the license as aforesaid (unless he is himself the holder of the license) to be the holder of a license.

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auctioneer's license.

Title.

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License fees.

Repeal.

Duration of license.

Lots to be sold to highest bidder at certain sales.

Regulations.

Consequential amendments of principal Act. 3. Where an application for a license is refused by a local authority, the applicant may apply to a Magistrate for an order directing the local authority to grant the application, and the Magistrate after hearing the local authority and the applicant may either make or refuse such order as he thinks fit, and may make such order 5 as to costs as he thinks fit.

4. (1.) An application for a license shall not be granted by any local authority, unless it is distinctly stated therein that the applicant has not at any time previously been refused a license by any local authority or that such refusal was reversed on application to a 10 Magistrate as aforesaid:

Provided that this section shall not apply to any person who is, or during the preceding twelve months was, the holder of a license granted by the local authority to whom the application is made.

(2.) The last preceding section shall not apply to any refusal 15 under this section to grant an application where the interval between the first-mentioned refusal and the first-mentioned application does not exceed five years.

5. (1.) There shall be paid in respect of every license granted under the principal Act a license fee of *forty* pounds:

Provided that in respect of every license issued after the thirtieth day of June in any year there shall be payable only one-half the amount of the license fee.

(2.) This section is in substitution for section eight of the principal Act, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed.

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5A. Every license shall take effect from the date of its issue, and shall expire on the day on which the first ordinary meeting of the local authority is held after the thirty-first day of December next following that date.

5B. At any auction sale of fish, fruit, or vegetables, every lot shall be sold to the highest bidder, and it shall not be lawful for any auctioneer to refuse to accept a bid from any person present at the sale who is willing, or who states that he is willing, to pay cash for the goods on delivery thereof; and any condition or stipulation in 35 conditions of sale in any manner violating this provision shall be void and of no effect.

6. The Governor may, from time to time by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations prescribing the forms required by the principal Act.

7. (1.) The principal Act is hereby further amended in the manner and to the extent mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(2.) The Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Schedules to the principal Act are hereby repealed.

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SCHEDULE.

No. of Section Nature and extent of Amendment. amended. Omit the words "resides or"; and omit the words "in the Section 4 . . . form in the Second Schedule hereto," and substitute the words "in the prescribed form." Omit the words "in the form in the Third Schedule hereto," Section 6 • • • and substitute the words "in the prescribed form"; omit the words "in the form in the Fourth Schedule hereto," and substitute the words "in the prescribed form"; and omit the words "therein named," and substitute the words "whose name is indorsed thereon." Repeal the section. Section 7 . . . Omit the word "exceeding," and substitute the words "less Section 9 . . . than"; and add at the end of the section the words "Provided that any such license shall authorize the holder to sell by auction only in the special district in which the license was issued." Omit all the words after the words "local authority." Omit the words "in the form in the Fifth Schedule hereto," Section 10 Section 12 ... and substitute the words "in the prescribed form." Sections 13 and 14 Omit the sections. Omit the words "If a licensed auctioneer," and substitute the Section 15(1)words "A licensed auctioneer, or if he.

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Schedule.