CANTERBURY COLLEGE EMPOWERING BILL.

MEMORANDUM.

CLAUSE 3: Some years ago the College purchased land for the absolutely necessary purpose of a Boys' High School playground, and more recently has purchased two sections within the College Block with a view to providing for the future necessities of the various institutions. The Auditor-General holds that the Board has no power to purchase land. The clause is intended to remove the technical objection raised by the Auditor-General.

Clause 4 enables the Board to similarly purchase land for the various institutions, including the Girl's High School, for which a playground has become absolutely

necessary.

Clause 5: On some of its lands the Board possesses coal and other minerals. For the mining of these it desires to be empowered to issue licenses or leases, subject

to the approval of the Governor.

Clause 6: In 1896, when the Agricultural College was separated from Canterbury College, a considerable debt remained upon the College and High School buildings. Part of this has been paid off and the two sums named are what remain. Under arrangement with the Bank of New South Wales, the Board has two accounts. No. 1 is the consolidated operative account of the Board; No. 2 is an overdraft account representing the two sums named in this clause. The Board desires to be able to pay (from cash in No. 1 account) the No. 2 overdraft account, and place to the debit of the Boys' High School and College maintenance accounts the debts owing upon their respective buildings. It believes that this will lead to a more rapid extinction of the respective debts than is likely to happen whilst they are in a dormant and inoperative account.

Clause 7 validates payments that have been made from the accounts named to the Agricultural College of part of the debt owing at the adjustment, when the two

institutions were separated. (The debt is now extinguished.)

Clause 8 enables the College to pay the Chairman an allowance of not exceeding £300 per year. The Board controls seven institutions, has an annual revenue of upwards of £40,000, has ninety-five officers in its service, and endowments of the value of about £320,000 let to 127 tenants.

Clause 9: Some members of the Board live at a distance from Christchurch, and

it is desired to reimburse them their travelling-expenses.

Clause 10 enables the Board to appoint a Deputy Chairman.

Clause 11 provides for the appointment of one of the Professors as Rector of the College. The object of this clause is to enable closer supervision of the work of the College to be exercised, and to give greater continuity of office to the Chairman of the Professorial Board.

AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.

House of Representatives, 1st September, 1908.

Mr. Ell.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE AND THE CANTERBURY AGRI-CULTURAL COLLEGE ACT-1896-AMENDMENT EMPOWERING.

[Local Bill.]

ANALYSIS

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- 3. Purchase of certain lands validated.
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- vernor's sanction.

 5. Subject to Governor's approval, Board may grant mining leases and licenses over lands belonging to endowments.
- 6. Board may apply certain moneys in payment of overdraft incurred to provide funds for
- buildings erected in or about the year
- 7. Payments of £224 and £557 to Canterbury Agricultural College validated.
- 8. Board may pay annual allowance not exceeding £300 to its Chairman.
- 9. Board may reimburse its members reasonable travelling-expenses.
- 10. Board may appoint a Deputy Chairman Board may appoint Rector of the College and define his duties.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Title. Agricultural College Act, 1896.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand 5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Canterbury College and the Short Title. Canterbury Agricultural College Act 1896 Amendment Empowering Act, 1908.
- 2. "The Board" means the Board of Governors of Canterbury Interpretation. 10 College.
- 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the Purchase of certain Board shall be deemed and taken to have had power to purchase on behalf of the Canterbury College all that parcel of land containing 15 by admeasurement one acre and one perch, being the Sections Nos. 432, 430, 428, and 426 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Canterbury District, setting out and describing the City of Christchurch, being the whole of the land included in certificate of title, Volume 202, folio 199: also all that parcel of land containing by 20 admeasurement twenty-nine perches, more or less, being part of Section No. 424 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Provincial District of Canterbury, setting out and describing the City of Christchurch, commencing at the south-west corner of the said section, thence running due east with a frontage to Hereford Street of fifty-five

25 feet and extending back due north in a rectangular block a distance of one hundred and fifty-eight feet: also all that parcel of land con-

lands validated.

taining by admeasurement twenty-seven perches, more or less, being parts of Sections Nos. 419, 420, 421, and 422 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Provincial District of Canterbury, commencing on Section No. 420 at a point twenty links south of the north-east corner thereof; thence north along Montreal Street, ninety-three links; thence westerly at a right angle, one hundred and eighty-three links; thence southerly at a right angle, ninety-three links; thence easterly at a right angle to the commencing-point: and to pay the purchasemoney paid or agreed to be paid in respect thereof out of the College funds.

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4. The Board may, with the sanction of the Governor, and from time to time as occasion may require, purchase or otherwise acquire for the purposes and on behalf of the College or any institution under the control of the Board any piece or parcel of land within the City of Christchurch.

Struck out.

5. The Board may, subject to the approval of the Governor. grant mining licenses or leases conferring on the lessee the right to prospect for or mine for coal, copper, silver, or other minerals in, upon, or under any lands forming part of the College endowment.

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Board may apply certain moneys in payment of overdraft incurred to provide funds for buildings erected in or about the year 1896.

6. The Board may, out of any capital moneys which now are or may hereafter be lying to the credit of all or any of the endowments under its control, advance five thousand pounds to the Boys' High School Account and five thousand eight hundred and thirty-four pounds to the College Account, and apply such moneys so advanced 25 in payment to the Bank of New South Wales of moneys provided in or about the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six for buildings Such advances may be debited to the accounts of the Boys' High School and College respectively in the books of Canterbury

College, and the Board may charge the income derived from the 30 endowments and working of the said Boys' High School and College respectively with interest upon the amount from time to time owing in respect of any such advances at the rate of four pounds per centum per annum until the whole amount of such advances shall have been reimbursed to such endowments.

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7. Notwithstanding anything contained in section eleven of the Canterbury College Powers Act, 1898, the payment by Canterbury College of a sum of two hundred and twenty-four pounds out of the capital moneys held by it for the purposes of superior education, and a sum of five hundred and fifty-seven pounds out of the capital 40 moneys held by it for the purposes of a classical school, in and towards the liquidation of the debt due to the Canterbury Agricultural College under the award of Mr. Justice Denniston made under section fifty-four of the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896, shall be and be deemed to be good 45

and valid and effectual in law.

8. The College may pay to the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the said college such allowance in each year, not exceeding three two hundred pounds out of the College Fund, as the Board shall from time to time fixes.

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9. The Board may out of the general fund of the college pay and reimburse to members of the Board such reasonable the actual travelling-expenses as shall be incurred by them in attending meetings

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of the Board or any committee of the Board duly called or appointed to be held.

10. The Board may from time to time, and as occasion may Board may appoint require, appoint one of their its number to be Deputy Chairman of the a Deputy Chairman. 5 Board, who during any vacancy in the office of Chairman, or whilst the Chairman is absent from the Canterbury Provincial District or incapacitated by sickness or otherwise, shall have and may exercise and perform all and every or any of the powers and duties of Chair-

11. In substitution for the powers conferred by sections twentynine and thirty of the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896, and notwithstanding anything in the said Act contained.

11. (1.) The Board may from time to time and as occasion may require appoint some fit person to the office of Rector of the College, Rector of the College and define who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board. He shall be his duties. ex officio a member and also Chairman of the Professorial Board of the College.

Board may appoint Rector of the

(2.) The Board may from time to time define the duties of the 20 Rector. Subject to the control of the Board, such Rector shall be charged with the care of the social, moral, and physical welfare of the students; shall as far as may be possible acquaint himself with their individual aims and objects in life, their aptitudes for particular branches of learning; and shall advise and assist students in their 25 choice of a business profession or calling and the selection of subjects to be taken up by them.

New subclauses.

(3.) Sections twenty-nine and thirty of the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896, are hereby repealed; but notwithstanding such repeal the Chairman of the Professorial Board in office on the coming into operation of this Act shall continue in office until a Rector is appointed under this section.

(4.) If at any time after the first appointment of a Rector there is a vacancy in the office of Rector, the Professorial Board may appoint any one of its members to be Chairman of the Board during such vacancy.

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