Hon. Mr. Richardson.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT DRAINAGE ACT 1875 AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875."

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Christchurch District Drainage Preamble. Act, 1875 :"

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Christchurch District Drainage Act Short Title. 1875 Amendment Act, 1880."

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, ---

- " Principal Act" means "The Christchurch District Drainage Act, 1875;" "Board" means the Christchurch Drainage Board.
- 10 3. So much of the First Schedule to the principal Act as refers to the boundaries of the Heathcote and Spreydon Districts is hereby amended as follows :----

All that area included within the boundaries of the Sydenham District, as described in the Schedule hereto, is hereby constituted a separate district, the

15 ratepayers of which shall be entitled to elect one person to represent the said district on the Board; and the said Sydenham District, and the portions of the aforesaid Heathcote and Spreydon Districts which shall be without the boundaries of the Sydenham District, shall be deemed to be districts under the provisions of the principal Act, and of this Act, in all respects as if the descriptions of the

20 boundaries thereof were included in the First Schedule of the principal Act.

No. 99-1.

Interpretation.

Title.

Amendment of First Schedule of principal Act. Repeal of section 3 of principal Act.

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Constitution of the Christchurch Drainage Board.

Repeal of section 3 of principal Act not to affect the rights or status of the Board or its members.

Mode of election of first member of the Board for Sydenham District.

Schedule.

4. Section three of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows :---

There shall be for the district a Drainage Board, which shall consist of nine persons, to be elected from time to time in the manner provided in the principal Act; and such Board shall be a body corporate under the name of "The 5 Christchurch Drainage Board," with perpetual succession and a common seal, having a capacity to hold lands for all the purposes of its constitution under the said Act, and any Act or Acts amending the same.

5. The repeal of section three of the principal Act shall not in any way affect, or be deemed to affect, the rights, powers, privileges, or status of the Board, or 10 of the members of the Board existing at the time this Act comes into operation; and such Board may and can after, and notwithstanding the passing of this Act, carry on, complete, and execute all suits and proceedings at law or in equity, and all matters and things whatsoever initiated, begun, or contracted for before the passing of this Act; and such members shall continue and be members of the 15 Board for the full term of time, and for the same districts, for which they were respectively elected members before the passing of this Act, notwithstanding any alteration made in such districts by this amending Act or any Schedule thereto, as if the said section had not been repealed.

6. The first member of the Board for the Sydenham District shall be a rate-20 payer on the burgess roll of the Borough of Sydenham at the time of such election in respect of property situate in such district, and shall be elected forthwith after the passing of this Act; and such election shall be made and carried out in the manner provided in the principal Act for the election of a member to fill any casual vacancy occurring in the Board; and the electors of 25 such first member of the Board for such district shall be all and every person or persons who at the time of such election shall be enrolled as burgesses on the roll of the Borough of Sydenham in respect of property situate within such district; and the member so elected for such district shall hold office until the first Tuesday in *January*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*two*, and shall 30 then vacate office as such member of the Board; and all such subsequent elections of a member of the Board for such district shall be under and by virtue of the provisions of the principal Act relating to members of the Board.

SCHEDULE.

SYDENHAM DISTRICT.

BOUNDED on the East by the east side of Wilson's Road from the Ferry Road to Wilson's Bridge over the River Heathcote; thence along the southern side of the said river to Piper's Road, the same being the southern boundary of Rural Section No. 227; thence along the southern side of Piper's Road to Colombo Road South; thence along the southern side of Colombo Road South to the road which forms the south-west boundary of Rural Section No. 238; thence along the southern side of the latter road to the road which forms the southern boundary of Rural Section No. 72; thence along the southern side of the lastmentioned road to the Lincoln Road; thence by a line along the northern side of the latter road to the South-west Christchurch District; thence along the southern boundary of the South-west and South-east Christchurch Districts to the south-east corner of the latter district; thence Northerly along the eastern boundary of the South-east Christchurch District to the Ferry Road; thence along the southern side of the last-mentioned road to the commencing point.

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