

Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

HAURAKI PLAINS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Settlement of the Hauraki Plains. Title.

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

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908. Short Title.
2. The Crown land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby set apart under this Act, and shall be dealt with as hereinafter mentioned. Land set apart.
- 10 3. The Minister of Lands is hereby authorised to construct and carry on such works as he thinks fit for the drainage, reclamation, and roading of the said land or otherwise for rendering the same fit for settlement. Land to be made fit for settlement.
- 15 4. (1.) Out of the moneys authorised by Part II of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1908, to be borrowed for the purpose of granting loans to local bodies the Minister of Finance may issue and apply for the purposes of this Act, from time to time, whether in the same or in different financial years, and without further appropriation than this Act, such sum or sums as he thinks fit, not exceeding in the whole the sum of eighty thousand pounds. Funds to be provided.
- 20 (2.) All sums so issued shall be expended for the purposes of this Act under the direction of the Minister of Lands.
- 5 25 5. (1.) All moneys so issued from the Public Account, together with compound interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum, shall be debited to an account to be called the Hauraki Plains Settlement Account. Hauraki Plains Settlement Account.
- (2.) All revenues received from the said land after the passing of this Act, whether by the Receiver of Land Revenue under the Land

Act, 1908, or by any other person under the provisions hereinafter contained in this Act, shall be paid into the Public Account and credited to the said Hauraki Plains Settlement Account, until the moneys so issued (together with interest as aforesaid) have been repaid.

Provisions of Land Act as to payments for road-making and for timber royalties, &c., not to apply until repayment of moneys issued under section 4. Sales or leases to be with consent of Minister.

6. Until all such moneys have been so repaid with interest as aforesaid the provisions of sections one hundred and forty-five to one hundred and fifty-one of the Land Act, 1908, and the provisions of section three hundred and nineteen of the said Act shall have no application to the said land or to any revenues received therefrom after the passing of this Act.

7. (1.) Save under the authority of an Order in Council made by the Governor under this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands or the Land Board of the district in which the said land is situated to exercise in respect of any part of that land any power of sale, lease, or other disposition without the previous consent in writing of the Minister of Lands.

(2.) The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council exempt any part or parts of the said land from the provisions of this section, and shall, so soon as he is satisfied that the whole of the principal moneys and interest so debited to the Hauraki Plains Settlement Account have been duly repaid in manner aforesaid, exempt by Order in Council the whole of the said land from the operation of this section.

Licenses to cut flax may be granted by Minister.

8. (1.) So long as any part of the land set apart under this Act remains subject to the provisions of the *last preceding* section, the Minister of Lands may, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, grant leases or licenses in respect of any such part thereof for the cutting and removal of flax.

(2.) Any such lease or license may be for any term not exceeding ten years, and may contain such covenants and conditions, and reserve such rents, royalties, or other payments as the said Minister thinks fit.

Purchase or taking of adjacent lands.

9. (1.) The Governor may from time to time take under the Public Works Act, 1908, as for a public work, or purchase, whether under the provisions of section twenty of the Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905, or otherwise, any area or areas of land adjacent to the land set apart under this Act as aforesaid, the acquisition of which is in the opinion of the Governor necessary for the more effective carrying-out of the drainage or other works authorised by this Act or for the better disposal of the land so set apart.

Payment of compensation or purchase-money.

(2.) The compensation or purchase-money payable in respect of any land so taken or purchased shall be payable, without further authority than this Act, out of the moneys issued out of the Public Account in accordance with the provisions in that behalf hereinbefore contained.

(3.) All land so taken or purchased shall be deemed to be set apart for the purposes of this Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act in the same manner as if included in the Schedule hereto.

Annual report to be submitted to Parliament.

10. A report on the administration of this Act, together with a statement of accounts in connection therewith, shall be prepared as

soon as possible after the thirty-first day of March in each year, and laid before Parliament by the Minister of Lands within thirty days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 75,303 acres, more or less: bounded towards the north generally by the Firth of Thames from the Waitakaruru Stream to the Piako River: thence towards the east generally by the Piako River and the Pouarua-Piropia No. 3B Block; again by the Piako River, the Pouarua-Piropia No. 1C Block, and Te Hopai Blocks Nos. 3 and 1B; again by the Piako River, the Awaiti Stream, and Otakawe Blocks Nos. 3B and 2B; again by the Awaiti Stream and Te Awaiti Blocks Nos. 2C and 1D No. 2; again by Te Awaiti No. 2C Block, Sections 9, 8, 7, and 6, Block XI, Waihou Survey District, Te Awaiti Block No. 3, Section 9, Block XII, Waihou Survey District, and Te Awaiti Blocks Nos. 2B, 1J No. 2, 1B No. 2, 1B No. 2A, and 1C; again by the Waihou River and Te Awaiti Blocks Nos. 1H No. 2, 1E No. 1, and 1E No. 2; and again by the Waihou River, Te Awaiti Blocks Nos. 6, 6A, and 5A, and Koromatua No. 2: thence towards the south generally by Blocks Rangatahi, Waihine-Rukuwai, and Te Muri-o-Puhirua: thence towards the west generally by the Waitoa and Piako Rivers: thence again towards the south by part of the Maukoro Block, Section 1, Block I, Waitoa Survey District; again by part of the Maukoro Block: thence again towards the west generally by the road forming the eastern boundary of Sections Nos. 4, 3, 2, and 3 (school-site), Block I, Waitoa Survey District: thence by Reserve No. 4, Waikaka C² Block, Section 5, Block XIII, Waihou Survey District: thence by the road forming the eastern boundary of Section No. 1, Block XIII, Waihou Survey District, Sections Nos. 6 and 5, Block XVI, Piako Survey District, Blocks Mangawhero Nos. 3C, 1C, and Ngarua No. 1B, the road forming the eastern boundary of Sections Nos. 9, 8, 7, and 6, Block XII, Piako Survey District, Ngarua No. 5A Block, Waitakaruru Blocks Nos. 5B and 5C, and the Waitakaruru Stream to the Firth of Thames, the place of commencement: excepting from the above area the following blocks—Pouarua-Piropia No. 1B, Otakawe No. 1B, and Waikaka Nos. B and A².

Also all that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 5,697 acres, more or less: bounded towards the north-east generally by the Waitoa River, Waihine-Rukuwai Block (6258); again by the Waitoa River, Te Rape No. 2 Block (7282); thence towards the south-east by Whakahoro Block; thence towards the west generally by the Piako River, Blocks 7284, 7283; again by the Piako River and Block 7281; and thence towards the north-west by Te Whanake No. 2 Block.

Also all that area in the Auckland Land District, containing by admeasurement 9,000 acres, more or less, comprising the following blocks: Ngataipuaa Nos. 2, 3, 4, 1A; Ngataipuaa East No. 1; Kopuarahi Nos. 2, 3A No. 1, 3B No. 1, 3C No. 1, 3D No. 1; Koukourahi Nos. 1, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4D, 4A No. 1; Horahia-Opou Nos. 4A, 5A, 3A, 2B No. 1; Kopuraruwai Nos. 1A, 2, 4A; Tiritiri Nos. 1, 4A, 4B No. 1; Makunaku Nos. 4, 5A No. 1, 5C No. 1; Kaikahu Nos. 1A and 2A; Te Awaiti Nos. 2B, 1B, 2A, 1C, 6A, 5A, and part of No. 7; Ngarua No. 1B, Section 2; Puhanga-te-uru No. 2B; Waitakaruru 1B No. 2.