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HAMILTON PARSONAGE SITE.

[PRIVATE BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorise the trustees of Allotment number Fifty in the Town of Hamilton West, held in trust as the site for a parsonage for the use of a Minister of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand, to sell or lease the said Allotment, and to purchase other freehold lands and hereditaments, or to exchange the said Allotment for other freehold lands and hereditaments. Title.

WHEREAS by a Deed dated the twentieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and made between John Carey, of Hamilton, surgeon, of the one part, and Patrick Leslie, of Tamahere, Alfred Cox, of Ohaupo, and Samuel Thomas Seddon, of Hamilton, Esquires, of the other part, the said John Carey conveyed and assured unto the said Patrick Leslie, Alfred Cox and Samuel Thomas Seddon and their heirs, for and on behalf of the General Synod of the Branch of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand:—All that piece or parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, Upon trust, that the said Patrick Leslie, Alfred Cox and Samuel Thomas Seddon or other the trustees for the time being shall and do stand seised and interested in the said land, for the site of a parsonage for the use of a Minister of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand: And whereas at the time the said land was conveyed in trust, as aforesaid, there was on the said land a building suitable for a residence for a Minister as aforesaid, but such building is now decayed and useless, and there is now no building on the said land suitable for a residence for a Minister as aforesaid: And whereas it is desirable to empower the trustees of the said land to exchange the same for other freehold lands and hereditaments, to be used as a site for a parsonage with a residence for a Minister thereon, or to sell or lease the said land, and with the money to arise from such sale or lease to purchase other freehold land and hereditaments, to be used as aforesaid. Preamble.

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Hamilton Parsonage Site Act, 1904.”

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— 5

“The trust property” means all that piece or parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging :

“The Church” means the Church of the Province of New Zealand, commonly called the Branch of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand : 10

“The Trustees” means the body corporate, person or persons in whom the trust property shall, for the time being, be vested, for or on behalf of the General Synod of the Church.

Trustees may sell, lease or exchange property.

3. It shall be lawful for the Trustees from time to time,— 15

(1) To sell and absolutely dispose of, either by public sale or private contract, all or any part of the trust property.

(2) To lease all or any part of the trust property.

(3) To exchange the whole, or any part of the trust property for other freehold lands and hereditaments in Hamilton, and to give (out of any money in their hands applicable to such purpose) or to receive any money by way of equality of exchange. 20

(4) To execute all such agreements, deeds, covenants, conveyances and assurances, and do and perform all such acts and things, as the Trustees may deem necessary for arranging and effectuating any sale, lease or exchange hereby authorised to be made. 25

Sale or exchange subject to consent of General Synod.

4. No sale or exchange of the trust property or of any part thereof shall be made by the Trustees except upon a resolution of the General Synod of the Church authorising such sale or exchange. 30

Terms of leasing

5. Any lease authorised by this Act may be,—

(1) For any term not exceeding sixty years without right of renewal; or

(2) For any term not exceeding twenty-one years,— 35

(a) With a provision that the lessee, his executors, administrators and assigns, may, at any time prior to the expiration of the term, have a new lease for a further term not exceeding twenty-one years, and containing the same covenants and provisions (including this present provision), at a rent to be fixed by valuation ; or 40

(b) With a provision that, prior to the expiration of the term, a new lease for a further term not exceeding twenty-one years, and containing the same covenants and provisions (including this present provision), shall be put up to public auction at the upset price of the annual value of the land only (to be fixed by valuation) without regarding the value of any buildings or improvements thereon, subject to a condition that in the event of any person other than the lessee, his executors, administrators or assigns becoming entitled to the new lease, then such person shall, before being 50

let into possession, pay to the lessee, his executors, administrators or assigns, the value of such buildings and improvements (to be fixed by valuation), whether erected or made by the lessee, his executors, administrators or assigns, or any former lessee or tenant of all or any part of the lands included in the lease; or

(e) With a provision that the lessee, his executors, administrators or assigns, may, at any time prior to the expiration of the term, at his or their option, either have a new lease as provided by sub-section two (a) hereof, or have a new lease put up to public auction under sub-section two (b) hereof.

6. All money received by the Trustees in respect of the sale, lease or exchange of all or any part of the trust property, under the provisions of this Act, shall after payment thereof of the costs and expenses of and incidental to such sale, lease or exchange, and of preparing for, obtaining and passing this Act, be expended by the Trustees in the purchase of freehold lands in Hamilton, to be used as the site of a parsonage and residence of a minister of the Church, and in erecting and making thereon a parsonage and all necessary buildings and improvements. Provided that any surplus moneys remaining in the hands of the Trustees after payment of the said costs and expenses, and the purchase, erection and making of the said parsonage site, buildings and improvements, shall be expended by the Trustees as follows:—

How proceeds of sale, etc., to be expended.

(1) Any moneys remaining out of the proceeds of any sale or exchange shall be expended by the Trustees, for such Church purposes at Hamilton, as the General Synod shall direct.

(2) Any moneys remaining out of any rents received under any lease, shall be expended by the Trustees for the general purposes of the Church at Hamilton.

7. No lands or hereditaments shall be purchased or acquired by the Trustees as a parsonage site, under the provisions of this Act, until such site shall have been approved, in writing, by the Standing Committee of the Auckland Diocese of the Church: And all lands and hereditaments purchased or acquired by the Trustees, as aforesaid, shall be conveyed to the Trustees for or on behalf of the General Synod of the Church, and shall be held by the Trustees subject to the same powers, trusts and conditions as affect or are applicable to the trust property, including the powers conferred by this Act.

Lands purchased subject to approval of Standing Committee, and to trusts

8. The receipt, in writing, of any Trustees or Trustee, or of any agent duly authorised in that behalf, shall be a good and effectual discharge for all moneys paid to them or him in respect of any sale, lease or exchange made, or purporting to be made, under the provisions of this Act, and shall exonerate the person or persons paying such money, from all obligation of seeing to the application thereof: And it shall not be incumbent on any purchaser or other person, to or with whom, any sale,

Receipt of Trustee a sufficient discharge

lease or exchange shall be made, to enquire as to the necessity for, or the propriety of such sale, lease or exchange, or otherwise howsoever.

SCHEDULE.

All that parcel of land, in the Provincial District of Auckland, containing by admeasurement one acre, more or less, and being allotment number fifty in the Town of Hamilton West, Parish of Te Rapa; bounded towards the north-east, by a line, two hundred and thirty-six links; towards the south-east, by allotment number fifty-one, four hundred and nineteen links; towards the south-west, by a street one hundred and fifty links wide, two hundred and thirty-five links; and towards the north-west, by allotment number forty-nine, four hundred and twenty-two links.