

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.]

Mr. Bevan.

HOKITIKA RACECOURSE RESERVE.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to constitute a Board of Trustees, and to vest in it certain Public Domains in and near the Town of Hokitika, in the Provincial District of Westland, for the Purposes of a Racecourse. Title.

WHEREAS the land described in the *First* Schedule hereto has been reserved as a site for a racecourse for the Town of Hokitika: Preamble.  
 And whereas the land described in the *Second* Schedule hereto forms portion of Reserve number four hundred and fifty-two, which, under  
 10 "The Westland Waste Lands Act, 1870," was, by Order in Council dated the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Hokitika for the purpose of a public park: And whereas the land in the said *First* Schedule not being large enough for the purpose of a racecourse,  
 15 the said two parcels of land described in the said two Schedules have, with the consent of the said Corporation of the said borough, been used as a racecourse for the said town: And whereas it is expedient to vest the said parcels of land in a Board of Trustees for the purpose of a public racecourse:

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 Hokitika Racecourse Reserve Act, 1884." 5

Lands in Schedules vested in Board of Trustees.

2. On the passing of this Act the lands described in the *First* and *Second* Schedules hereto shall, without any conveyance, be vested in a Board of Trustees (hereinafter called "the Board"), consisting of the following persons: James Alexander Bonar, Richard John Seddon, William Llewellen Fowler, John Bevan, James Holmes, James Clarke, and Thomas Paterson, and shall be held by them in trust for the purposes of racing, as provided by this Act. 10

Board incorporated.

3. The Board shall be a corporate body by the name of "The Trustees of the Hokitika Racecourse," with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with full power and authority by that name to sue and be sued in all Courts whatsoever, and shall be capable in law for the purposes and subject to this Act to do and suffer all such acts and things as bodies corporate may do and suffer, with power to take and hold all such lands, tenements, and hereditaments as may be in any manner acquired by or vested in the Board, either as a site for a racecourse, or for any other purpose in connection therewith. 15 20

Disqualification.

4. If any member of the Board shall be directly or indirectly concerned in any contract with the Board, or shall receive, or be entitled to receive, any money or emolument for any work done or to be done for the Board, or shall be absent from the colony for the space of twelve consecutive calendar months, or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or take the benefit of or be brought under the operation of any Act relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or shall become a public defaulter, or shall become convicted of any felony, his seat in such Board shall become vacant. 25 30

Resignations.

5. It shall be lawful for any member, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, to resign his seat on the Board, and upon the acknowledgment of the receipt by the Governor of such writing the seat of such member shall become vacant. 30

Vacancies filled up by Governor.

6. If a vacancy occurs in the Board through death, or through any of the reasons aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy. 35

Board may lease lands.

7. It shall be lawful for the Board, by deed under their corporate seal, to lease from time to time, at such rent and on such conditions as they may think reasonable, the whole or any part of the lands specified in the said Schedules hereto, for any term or terms of years not exceeding *seven* years at any one time, and on conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of the racecourse. 40 45

Proceeds of lands to be expended in improvements for racing purposes.

8. All moneys received by the Board for the rents, issues, and profits of the said lands shall, after deducting therefrom all necessary expenses incurred in the management thereof, be applied in and towards the cultivation and improvement of the said lands, and in rendering any part thereof that may be set apart as a racecourse suitable for that purpose, and in discharging any liabilities that may have been hitherto incurred for the said purpose, and in and towards providing prizes for races to be run on the said racecourse, and generally in and towards the encouragement of the breeding of horses. 50

9. The racecourse, subject to the Board, shall be available to any racing or jockey club for the purpose of holding race meetings, upon such terms and conditions as shall from time to time be notified by the Board, and at such dates as they may in every such case appoint.

Other clubs may use racecourse on certain conditions.

5 10. It shall be lawful for the Board, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time to make and alter rules for regulating their own proceedings; for the terms, conditions, and dates on which the racecourse may be from time to time used by any racing or jockey club, as in section nine provided; for prescribing the conditions on which the public shall be permitted to have access to the said racecourse upon any day when the same shall be used for racing purposes, and for regulating the price for admission on such occasions; for excluding the public from such parts of the said lands as it may be found necessary and desirable to plant, improve, or lay  
15 down in artificial grasses; for regulating the charges that may be made for the occupation of the said racecourse, for the erection of booths or stalls for the sale of refreshments, merchandise, goods, or chattels, and for the admission of horses and vehicles to the said racecourse; and for the preservation of order thereon during race meetings.

Board may make rules.

20 11. The Board shall keep accurate accounts of all sums of money received for rents, issues, and profits on account of the said lands, and of all costs, charges, and disbursements in connection with the management and maintenance thereof; and on the first day of June in every year, or within one week thereafter, the Board shall  
25 prepare accounts and a balance-sheet showing the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the previous year, and the actual financial state of the Board on the first day of June in that year; and such accounts and balance-sheet shall be forwarded to the Governor, who may, if he think fit, order such accounts and balance-sheet to be  
30 published in any local paper circulating within the district.

Board to keep accounts.

SCHEDULES.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land containing twenty-five acres two roods three perches, more or less, being part of the Town of Hokitika, Block I., Kanieri Survey District, and marked on the published map of the said town as "Racecourse." Bounded towards the North-east by Harper Street and Town Belt East, 1276 links; towards the North-west by Harper Street, 2000 links; towards the South-west by Harper Street and Town Belt East, 1276 links; and towards the South-east by part of Reserve No. 452 (in red), 2000 links.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land containing forty-nine acres and seventeen perches, more or less, being part of Reserve No. 452 (in red), Block I., Kanieri Survey District. Bounded towards the North-west by the Town of Hokitika, 2850 links; towards the North-east by other part of the said Reserve No. 452 (in red), at a right angle with said north-west boundary, 2000 links; towards the South-east by other part of said reserve, parallel with north-west boundary, 2030 links; and towards the South by the Hokitika to Hau Hau Road.