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Hutt, Waikanae, and Palmerston North Railway.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Making and Sale of Reserves for the Construction of a Railway from the Hutt, by way of Pahautanui and Waikanae, to Palmerston North.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a line of railway should be constructed from Hayward's Station, on the Wellington and Masterton Railway, to Pahautanui, and from thence by the Horokiwi Valley to Waikanae, and from thence to Palmerston North: And whereas it is further expedient that one or more block or blocks of land should be reserved for sale and sold in order to provide for the cost of constructing such railway:

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Hutt, Waikanae, and Palmerston North Railway Act, 1877."

2. The Governor shall, with all convenient speed after the passing of this Act, reserve and set apart for the purposes herein-after mentioned one or more block or blocks of land, comprising in the whole not less than two hundred and fifty thousand acres, such lands to be selected and set apart from the waste lands of the Crown lying between the Paikakariki on the southward and the south bank of the Manawatu River on the northward, and between the sea-coast of Cooks' Straits on the westward and the western slopes of the Tararua Range on the eastward.

Reserves to be sold.

3. The land so set apart and reserved as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be deemed to be part of the waste lands of the Crown within the Provincial District of Wellington, and shall continue to be under the control of and be sold and dealt with by the Waste Lands Board of the said provincial district. But every sale thereof shall be by auction only, and the upset price shall be in the discretion of the said Board, but shall in no case be less than two pounds per acre. 5

Application of proceeds.

4. The proceeds arising from the sale of the said land shall be placed to a special account, and shall be applied exclusively, so far as the same shall extend and shall be necessary in that behalf, in or towards defraying the cost of constructing a railway leading from Hayward's Station, on the Wellington and Masterton Railway, to Pahautanui, and from thence by the Horokiwi Valley to Waikanae, and from thence by the most convenient route to Palmerston North. 10 15

Survey to be made.

5. The Governor shall forthwith cause a survey to be made of the said line of railway, and estimates of the probable cost of constructing the same to be made, and shall lay such survey and estimates of cost respectively on the table of both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session thereof. 20

Proclamation of line.

6. Immediately after the completion of such survey, the Governor shall, by Proclamation or otherwise, in accordance with the laws for the time being in force in that behalf, proclaim the line of railway so laid out with a view to the taking and purchase of all land which may be required for the purposes thereof. 25