

Hon. Mr. McKenzie.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Governor may acquire lands for settlement by purchase or exchange, or may take lands compulsorily.</p>	<p>3. Governor may prohibit sale of pastoral land in Nelson and Marlborough.</p> <p>4. Section 21 of previous Act amended.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Land for Settlements Act, 1892." Title.

BE IT 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 is "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1893." Short Title.

2. Section four of "The Land for Settlements Act, 1892" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:— Governor may acquire lands for settlement by purchase or exchange, or may take lands compulsorily.

For the purpose,—

- (1.) Of providing land for settlement under the Land Acts; or
- (2.) For the acquisition of sites for homesteads for neighbouring high-lying pastoral land; or
- (3.) For acquiring low-lying land necessary for the settlement of neighbouring high pastoral land; or
- (4.) For the exchanging low-lying or agricultural land suitable for settlement for high land suitable only for pastoral purposes,—

the Governor, on behalf of Her Majesty, may from time to time contract for the purchase or exchange of any lands, at such price, or for so much equivalent land, as may be agreed upon between any owner or lessee and the Governor on the recommendation of the Board.

In the event of any such owner refusing to sell or exchange, or on failure to come to an agreement with such owner in respect of the sale or exchange of, any land required for the aforesaid purposes, the Governor may take such land compulsorily, or so much thereof as he shall deem necessary, under "The Public Works Act, 1882," the provisions whereof shall apply to such taking as if it were a taking of land for a public work within the meaning of that Act; and the compensation to be paid for such taking shall be assessed in manner provided by that Act.

The Governor, under the provisions of section five of the said Act, may do all such things in relation to any exchange of land, or the taking of land compulsorily, as he is authorised by the said section to do in relation to the purchase of any land under the said Act.

Governor may prohibit sale of pastoral land in Nelson and Marlborough.

3. Notwithstanding any right accrued or reserved to any lessee or licensee of pastoral land under "The Nelson Crown Lands Leasing Act, 1867," or "The Marlborough Waste Lands Act, 1867," to purchase such land or any part thereof, the Governor, by notification in the *Gazette*, may declare any such land to be required for any of the purposes mentioned in section *two* of this Act; and after the publication of any such notification no sale of any land described therein shall be made by any Commissioner of Crown Lands until notice has been given to the Minister of such intended sale, who, if he thinks fit, may at any time within twelve months after the receipt of such notice acquire for Her Majesty, under the provisions of this Act, such land or any part thereof. 5 10 15

Section 21 of previous Act amended.

4. Section twenty-one of the said Act is hereby amended by the substitution in the citation of "The Land Act, 1885," of the figures "1892" in place of "1885."