

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS ACTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law authorising the Acquisition of Private Land for Purposes of Settlement. 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 Acts Amendment Act, 1899"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Land for Settlements Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. For the purpose of continuing in force the principal Act and its amendments until after the close of the first session of the next ensuing Parliament, section two of "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1897," is hereby amended by substituting the words "expiration of the fourteenth day after the close of the first session of the next ensuing Parliament," in lieu of the words "thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred," wherever those words occur in that section. Principal Act to continue in force for further period.

3. Section three of "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1897," is hereby amended by inserting the words "twenty-three" next after the words "twenty-two." Section 3 of Amendment Act, 1897, amended.

4. In order to remove technical difficulties in the disposal of claims for compensation, whether now pending or hereafter arising, in respect of land taken or proposed to be taken under the principal Act, the provisions of section sixty of "The Public Works Act, 1894," in so far as they relate to Assessors, shall extend and apply and be deemed to have at all times extended and applied to the case of an Assessor who resigns or refuses to act. Provisions applied when Assessor resigns or refuses to act.

5. In determining the compensation payable in respect of land compulsorily taken, or thereby injuriously affected, the Court shall in every case have regard only to the fair actual market-value of the land. How amount of compensation payable to be determined.

Repeal.

Land for workmen's  
homes within  
borough or town  
district.

6. Section eight of "The Land for Settlements Act Amendment Act, 1897," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is hereby declared that, for the purposes of providing workmen's homes or workmen's villages, land may be purchased or compulsorily taken within a borough or town district, or within five miles of the boundary thereof, subject however to the following special provisions in every case where the Minister's requisition states that the land is intended to be compulsorily taken for any of the purposes aforesaid:—

(1.) Not more than one hundred acres shall be so taken in any one year within any one borough or town district, or within five miles of the boundary thereof. 5

(2.) Sections seven and eight of the principal Act shall not apply. 10

(3.) The owner shall have the right to retain, out of the land proposed to be so taken, the area (if any) constituting the site on which his dwelling-house is erected, together with the garden and grounds surrounding the same, not exceeding in the whole an area of five acres: 15

Provided that he asserts such right in his claim under section twelve of the principal Act, and specifies in the claim the area, situation, and boundaries of the land in respect of which the right is asserted. 20

Acts modified.

7. The principal Act and its amendments are hereby modified in so far as they are in conflict with this Act, but not further or otherwise. 25