

Mr. Smith.

NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD EMPOWERING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize the New Plymouth Harbour Board to raise a Title. Loan.

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

- 1. This Act may be cited as the New Plymouth Harbour Board Short Title. Empowering Act, 1924.
- 2. This Act shall for all purposes be deemed to be a special Act Special Act. within the meaning of the Harbours Act, 1923.
- 3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
  - “ Board ” means the New Plymouth Harbour Board :
  - “ Harbour Fund ” means moneys arising from the sources mentioned in section forty-nine of the Harbours Act, 1923 :
  - 15 “ Harbour district ” means the area defined in the *First* Schedule hereto :
  - “ Returning Officer ” means the officer appointed by the Board to conduct elections and polls within the harbour district under this Act.
- 20 4. In addition to the authorities conferred on the Board by the Power to borrow. New Plymouth Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1908, and the New Plymouth Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1918, it shall be lawful for the Board to borrow from time to time such sum or sums of money

as the Board deems fit, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, but so that the total of the amounts so borrowed does not exceed six hundred thousand pounds; and the Board may borrow such sum or sums of money as aforesaid for such period or periods as it may think fit, and may renew or again borrow any or all of such sum or sums of money as they fall due for such further or other period or periods as the Board may think fit. 5

How money  
borrowed to be  
expended.

5. (1.) The moneys so borrowed shall be applied by the Board in the construction of such works as are defined by the word "harbour-works" as interpreted by the Harbours Act, 1923, and for all or any of the other purposes authorized by the said Act. 10

(2.) The Board may, out of moneys borrowed pursuant to the authority conferred by this section, pay,—

(a.) The cost and expenses incurred in connection with the borrowing of such moneys, including the cost of preparing the special roll hereinafter mentioned and of taking the poll of the ratepayers; 15

(b.) The first year's interest and sinking fund in respect of any moneys so borrowed; and

(c.) The cost of promoting this Act; 20

and may also out of moneys so borrowed repay to any account any sum or sums advanced therefrom and applied after the passing of this Act but prior to the raising of such moneys, or any portion thereof, to the purposes for which such moneys are authorized to be borrowed.

Security for loan.

6. The repayment of all moneys so borrowed, together with interest thereon, shall be secured upon any moneys in the Harbour Fund (subject to the existing charges thereon and excepting moneys appropriated to any special purpose), and upon the rate hereinafter mentioned to be made and levied under the authority of this Act. 25

Consent of rate-  
payers required  
before any loan  
raised.

7. Before the Board proceeds to borrow money under the authority of this Act it shall cause a poll to be taken as by this Act is provided. 30

Returning Officer.

8. The Board shall appoint some person to be Returning Officer for the conduct of any poll hereinafter authorized throughout the harbour district.

Roll of ratepayers  
to be prepared.

9. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to prepare a roll setting forth the names of all ratepayers within the harbour district. Such roll shall be signed by the Chairman or two members of the Board, and when so signed shall be delivered to the Returning Officer, and shall be the roll upon which the poll shall be taken. 35

How poll to be  
taken.

10. The poll shall be taken in manner provided by section thirteen of the New Plymouth Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1908, except that the proposal referred to in paragraph (d) thereof shall be modified so as to apply to this Act, and the words "(not less than one week nor more than four weeks from the latest date appointed for any of the aforesaid meetings)" in paragraph (a) thereof shall be deemed to be repealed. 40 45

Result of poll.

11. If the total number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal exceeds the total number of valid votes recorded against the proposal, then and not otherwise the proposal shall be deemed to be carried, and the Board shall be fully empowered to exercise the power of borrowing and all other powers conferred by this Act. 50

12. As soon as conveniently may be after the result of the poll has been ascertained the Returning Officer shall give public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal, and shall declare the proposal to be carried or rejected, as the case may be.

Result of poll to be advertised.

5 13. (1.) As soon as conveniently may be after the poll the Chairman of the Board shall send to the Minister of Internal Affairs, for publication in the *Gazette*, a notice of the number of votes recorded for or against the proposal; and in such notice shall declare the proposal to be carried or rejected, as the case may be.

Result of poll to be gazetted.

10 (2.) If in the notice so published in the *Gazette* it is declared that the proposal was carried, such notice so published shall be conclusive evidence that the raising of the loan has been duly authorized, and that all proceedings and things required by this Act as conditions precedent to the exercise by the Board of the borrowing-powers hereby  
15 conferred have been duly and lawfully taken and done, and that the Board is thereby fully empowered and authorized to borrow any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of six hundred thousand pounds.

(3.) If in the said notice it is declared that the proposal was  
20 rejected, it shall be lawful for the Board, at any time after the expiration of twelve calendar months from the date of the publication in the *Gazette* of such notice, to direct that another poll be held in the same manner and subject to the same conditions upon the same proposal; and if at such second poll the proposal is again rejected the  
25 Board may at any time within two years from the date of such second poll direct that a third poll be held in the same manner and subject to the same conditions upon the same proposal:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall authorize the taking of more than three polls.

30 14. If the proposal is declared to be carried a special rate upon all rateable property in the harbour district for the purpose of providing the annual charges upon moneys to be borrowed under the authority of this Act may be made and levied by the Board in manner provided by law and in accordance with the provisions of the Rating Act, 1908.

Levy of special rate.

35 15. The special rate to be levied under the authority of this Act shall not exceed one penny in the pound upon the capital value of all rateable property in the area described in the *Second* Schedule hereto, and shall not exceed two-thirds of a penny in the pound upon the capital value of all rateable property in the area described in the  
40 *Third* Schedule hereto, and shall not exceed one-third of a penny in the pound upon the capital value of all rateable property in the area described in the *Fourth* Schedule hereto; and all rates levied by the Board hereunder shall be levied in the like proportions.

Limit and proportion of special rate in parts of district.

45 16. For the purpose of providing a sinking fund for the liquidation of any loan authorized by this Act the Board shall pay to the Commissioners appointed under section one hundred and fifteen of the Harbours Act, 1923, in every year a sum equal to one-half per centum on the moneys borrowed, or so much thereof as is for the time being outstanding.

Sinking fund.

50 17. For the purpose of making, levying, and recovering the said rates the Board shall have and may exercise all the powers of making, levying, or recovering rates in the harbour district as are conferred on

Powers of Board.

local authorities by the Rating Act, 1908, and for such purpose the Rating Act is incorporated herewith.

Rate levied not to be invalidated.

18. No rate or levy made under this Act shall be set aside or quashed by any proceeding in any Court or otherwise, and no defect in the same, or the making thereof, or in any direction for levy, shall be set up as a defence to any action which may be brought to recover the same. 5

Prior securities not affected.

19. Nothing in this Act or in any debentures issued in pursuance thereof shall affect or prejudice the rights of the holders of any debentures heretofore executed or issued by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the New Plymouth Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1908, and the New Plymouth Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1918. 10

Board may raise loans to pay off or consolidate existing or future loans without poll.

20. The Board may at any time raise a loan or loans without taking a poll as herein provided for the purpose of paying off or consolidating any existing loans, or any existing and future loans, and such repayment or consolidation may be effected in such manner and on such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit. 15

Repeal.

21. Section fifteen of the New Plymouth Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1918, is hereby repealed.

Act not to limit powers of Board under any other Act.

22. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit the powers of the Board under any Act now in force. 20

Schedules.

## SCHEDULES.

### FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District bounded towards the north-east and north-west by the Waitara Harbour District from the sea to the southern boundary of the Mokau Harbour District; thence towards the north by the southern boundary of the Mokau Harbour District to its intersection by a right line running from the mouth of the Mokau River to the point on the Wanganui River where it is intersected by the 39th parallel of south latitude; thence towards the north-east by the said right line to the Wanganui River; thence towards the south-east by the Wanganui River to where it is met by the Taumatamahoe Path; thence by a right line to the northernmost corner of Section No. 320, in Block I, Hawera Survey District; thence by a right line being the production of the north-eastern boundary of the said Section No. 320 to the Waingongoro River; thence by the Waingongoro River to the Skeet Road; thence in a westerly direction along the Skeet Road to its junction with the Hunter Road; thence in a northerly direction along the Hunter Road to its junction with the Barclay Road; thence south-westerly along the Barclay Road to its junction with the Palmer Road; thence north-westerly along a road known as either the Palmer or Barclay Road to the boundary of the Egmont National Park; thence in a westerly direction along the south-eastern and south-western boundaries of the said Egmont National Park to the middle of the Ngariki Road; thence by a line along the middle of the Ngariki Road to the Main South Road; thence along the middle of the Main South Road to the Manihi Road; thence along the middle of the Manihi Road to the sea; and thence towards the west and north-west by the sea to the place of commencement.

### SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District bounded towards the north-west by the Tasman Sea from the south-western corner of the Wairau Survey District to the boundary of the Waitara Harbour District; thence towards the north-east by the south-west boundary of the said Waitara Harbour District to the south boundary of the Waitara Survey District; thence towards the south by the southern boundaries of the Waitara, the Paritutu, and the Wairau Survey Districts to the commencing-point.

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## THIRD SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District bounded towards the north by the southern boundaries of the Wairau, the Paritutu, and the Waitara Survey Districts to the south-western boundary of the Waitara Harbour District, and by the south-west boundary of the Waitara Harbour District to the west boundary of the Ngatimaru Survey District; thence towards the east by the west boundaries of the Ngatimaru and the Omona Survey Districts to the Toko Road; thence generally towards the south by the north side of the Toko Road to the Waihapa Road, by the west side of the Waihapa Road to the Robson Road, by the north side of the Robson and Bird Roads to the Mountain Road, by the east side of the Mountain Road to the Brookes Road, by the north and west sides of the Brookes Road to the Climie Road, by the north side of the Climie Road to the Opunake Road, by the south side of the Opunake Road to the east boundary of the Kaipokonui Survey District, by the east and north boundaries of the Kaipokonui Survey District to the east boundary of the Egmont National Park, by the east, north, and west boundary of the Egmont National Park to the Puniho Road, and by the south side of the Puniho Road and the north boundary of Section 26, Block IV, Cape Survey District, to the Tasman Sea; thence towards the north-west by the Tasman Sea to the point of commencement.

## FOURTH SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Taranaki Land District bounded towards the north by the southern boundary of the area described in the Third Schedule hereto from the sea at the northern boundary of Section 26, Block IV, Cape Survey District, to the boundary of the Egmont National Park; thence generally southerly along the boundary of the Egmont National Park to the northern boundary of the Opunake Harbour District; thence along the said northern boundary of the Opunake Harbour District to the sea; thence northerly along the sea-coast to the northern boundary of Section 26, Block IV, Cape Survey District, the point of commencement.

Also all that area in the Taranaki Land District bounded towards the north and west by the area described in the *Third* Schedule hereto from the point where the northern boundary of the Kaipokonui Survey District meets the eastern boundary of the Egmont National Park to the south-eastern boundary of the Waitara Harbour District; thence towards the north-west generally by the Waitara Harbour District to the southern boundary of the Mokau Harbour District; thence again towards the north by the southern boundary of the said Mokau Harbour District to its intersection with a right line running from the mouth of the Mokau River to the point on the Wanganui River where it is intersected by the 39th parallel of south latitude; thence towards the north-east by the said right line to the Wanganui River; thence towards the south-east generally by the Wanganui River to where it is met by the Taumata-mahoe Path; thence by a right line to the northernmost corner of Section 320, in Block I, Hawera Survey District; thence by a right line being the production of the north-eastern boundary of the said Section 320 to the Waingongoro River; thence by the Waingongoro River to the Skeet Road; thence in a westerly direction along the Skeet Road to its junction with the Hunter Road; thence in a northerly direction along the Hunter Road to its junction with the Barclay Road; thence south-westerly along the Barclay Road to its junction with the Palmer Road; thence north-westerly along a road known as either the Palmer or Barclay Road to the boundary of the Egmont National Park; thence in a northerly direction along the boundary of the Egmont National Park to the northern boundary of the Kaipokonui Survey District, the point of commencement.