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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives.
19th October, 1904.*

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

PUBLIC OFFICERS' APPOINTMENT AND POWERS.

ANALYSIS.

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2. Appointment of Valuer-General.

3. Postal Board of Appeal.
4. General powers of Deputies on occurrence of vacancy.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for the Appointment and Powers of certain Public Officers. 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 Public Officers' Appointment and Powers Act, 1904." Short Title.

2. (1.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint some fit person to be Valuer-General, and also some fit person to be Deputy of the Valuer-General, under "The Government Valuation of Land Act, 1896." Appointment of Valuer-General.

(2.) Such Deputy shall, under the control of the Valuer-General, perform such general official duties as he is called upon to perform by the Valuer-General; and, in case of the illness, absence, or other temporary incapacity of the Valuer-General, such Deputy shall act in his name and on his behalf, and while so acting shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the Valuer-General.

(3.) Paragraph two of section two of that Act is hereby amended by repealing the words "who shall be the Commissioner of Taxes for the time being."

3. (1.) The members of the Board of Appeal constituted under "The Post and Telegraph Department Act, 1894" (other than the elective members thereof), shall be such fit persons as the Governor, from time to time by warrant under his hand, appoints. Postal Board of Appeal.

(2.) Subsection two of section five of the last-mentioned Act is hereby modified accordingly.

4. On the occurrence from any cause of a vacancy in any of the offices mentioned in the Schedule hereto (whether by reason of the death or resignation of the officer holding the office or otherwise), and so long as such vacancy continues, the Deputy for the time being of such officer shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the officer of whom he was Deputy. General powers of Deputies on occurrence of vacancy.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Office of the Commissioner of Taxes.
Office of the Valuer-General.
Office of the Government Advances to Settlers Office Superintendent.
Office of the Government Insurance Commissioner.
Office of the Chief Inspector of Factories.

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