

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.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

PUBLIC OFFICERS' APPOINTMENT AND POWERS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for the Appointment and Powers of Title.
certain Public Officers.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Public Officers' Appoint- Short Title.
ment and Powers Act, 1904."

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

(2.) Such Deputy shall, under the control of the Valuer-General,
15 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
20 by repealing the words "who shall be the Commissioner of Taxes
for the time being."

New clauses.

25 2A. The Valuer-General is hereby substituted for the Commis-
sioner of Taxes as member of the following Boards :—
The Board constituted under "The Government Life In-
surance Act, 1886."
The Native Land Purchase Board, constituted under "The
Native Land Acquisition Act, 1893."
30 The Government Advances to Settlers Board, constituted
under "The Government Advances to Settlers Act,
1894."
The Public Trust Office Board, constituted under "The Public
Trust Office Consolidation Act, 1894."

The Board of Land Purchase Commissioners, constituted under "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

Certain statutory duties of Commissioner of Taxes to be performed by Valuer-General.

2B. The duties required to be performed by the Commissioner of Taxes under "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act 1885 Amendment Act, 1886," and such of the duties as are now required to be performed by him under "The Crown and Native Lands Rating Act, 1882," shall hereafter be performed by the Valuer-General and not by the Commissioner of Taxes. 5

Postal Board of Appeal.

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. 10

(2.) Subsection two of section five of the last-mentioned Act is hereby modified accordingly. 15

General powers of Deputies on occurrence of vacancy.

4. (1.) 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. 20

New subsection.

(2.) This section applies to vacancies existing at the passing of this Act as well as to those occurring thereafter.

New clause.

Temporary appointments on illness, &c., of Agent-General or Audit Officer.

4A. In addition to the powers conferred on the Commissioners by sections fifty-nine and sixty-four of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," they may from time to time appoint some person temporarily to the office of Agent-General in the event of the illness or temporary incapacity of the Agent-General, and also appoint some person temporarily as Audit Officer in the event of the illness or temporary incapacity of the Audit Officer, as the case may require : 30

Provided that such last-mentioned appointment shall only be made in cases of special emergency where the Audit Office cannot be communicated with, and such appointment shall in every case be subject to the approval of the Audit Office when communicated with. 35

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.
- Office of the Registrar of Friendly Societies.