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(Mr. O'Neill.)

Plans of Towns Regulation.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Plans of Towns.

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 shall be "The Plans of Towns Regulation Act 1871." Short Title.

2. That after the passing of this Act the streets in all new towns laid off after the passing of this Act and in all towns already laid off but on which no buildings have been erected and in all extensions of towns shall be of a breadth of not less than one hundred and fifty links from building line to building line and that there shall be in each such town and extension at least two leading streets at right angles with each other situated as near the centre of such town or extension as circumstances may permit. Such leading streets shall be of a width not less than two hundred links from building line to building line. In new towns streets to be of certain width.

3. That where towns have been already laid off and partly built on this Act shall apply only to land sections or blocks not already alienated from the Crown. Application of Act.

4. That in all new towns open spaces shall be set apart and reserved to be subsequently planted or laid out in ornamental recreation grounds the number of such reserves being regulated by the superficial area of the town being not less than one-tenth in number and area of the entire blocks of which the town may be composed the separate size of such reserves in no case being less than ten chains by five each or equal thereto and placed at regular distances apart from each other. In all new towns provision to be made for recreation grounds.

Town Belt.

5. That in all new towns there shall be set apart and reserved an outer boundary or area equal to one-fifth of such town to be denominated a Town Belt: One half at least of such belt to be reserved for all time as a reserve to be appropriated only as ornamental grounds a proportional part specially set apart for cemetery purposes. The other 5 moiety (one tenth) reserved for the future extension of the town or towns only under special legislation when so required.

Municipal endowment.

6. That every tenth quarter-acre section in new towns be reserved from sale as a nucleus of Municipal property to be subsequently vested in a Town Board or Corporation as endowment or for 10 the use thereof.

Plans of towns to be approved by the Governor before sale.

7. That in all cases where town allotments or sections or blocks are to be sold or advertised for sale plans of such towns shall be prepared and be approved of prior to sale by an Engineer or Surveyor approved of by the Governor. 15

Laying out of streets.

8. That the streets of all towns laid out after the passing of this Act shall as nearly as a due regard to the natural features of the country and drainage of the land will permit be laid off in straight lines and at right angles to each other. Wherever physical difficulties of position require the streets to be other than a right angle the angle 20 shall be as near as may be to an angle of forty-five degrees with the leading streets.

Levels and gradients to be shown on plans of new towns.

9. That on all plans of towns laid out after the passing of this Act the difference of levels between the intersection of streets on their original surface shall be distinctly shown above a fixed datum and 25 the gradients of such streets together with the several improved heights at such intersections shall be marked thereon such gradients having been previously approved of by an Engineer or Surveyor approved of by the Governor.

Special application of certain clauses.

10. Clauses four five and six to apply to towns laid out on 30 Crown lands only.

Persons contravening Act guilty of misdemeanour.

11. No person shall lay out or cause to be laid out any town or street in contravention of the provisions of this Act and if any person shall lay out or cause to be laid out any street or town otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act he shall be guilty of a 35 misdemeanour.