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PUNIU RESERVES SALE.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorise the Sale of Reserves near Te Awamutu, in the Provincial District of Auckland, and the Purchase of another or others in place thereof.

5 WHEREAS the lands known and described as Allotments forty-six and two hundred and twenty-three of the Parish of Puniu, in the Auckland Provincial District, containing one hundred and thirty acres three roods three perches more or less, are now administered by the Puniu Domain Board : And whereas by the sale of timber growing upon the said lands, and from interest on investments of the proceeds, the Puniu Domain Board has now accumulated a sum of money exceeding six hundred pounds, but the said lands (except as to a piece containing about seven acres, and being part of said Allotment two hundred and twenty-three, are unsuitable for the purpose of recreation-grounds, being mostly undrained swamp, and too far removed from the centres of population of the Puniu Parish : And whereas it is desirable to acquire land more suitable for the purpose of recreation-grounds for the inhabitants of the Parish of Puniu :

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Puniu Reserves Sale Act, 1895."

2. In this Act "the Board" means the Puniu Domain Board, as constituted by order in Council dated the second day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five; "Puniu Fund" means the moneys of the Board, according to sections seven, eight, and nine of "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

3. It shall be lawful for the Board to fix an upset sale price for and to sell the lands known and described as Allotments forty-six and

two hundred and twenty-three of the Parish of Puniu, in the Provincial District of Auckland, except so much of the said Allotment two hundred and twenty-three, containing about seven acres as is now staked out and planted with trees and shrubs, either by public auction or private contract, either together or separately in one or more lots, on the same or different days as and when they shall think fit, subject to conditions of sale as to title and completion of purchase. 5

Disposition of proceeds of sale.

4. The money arising from such sale or sales shall be paid into and form part of the Puniu Fund.

Transfer.

5. A memorandum of transfer, signed by the Chairman and two members of the Board administering the land at the time of its being so sold, shall, notwithstanding "The Public Domains Act, 1881," be sufficient to vest the fee-simple of the land, and the Auckland District Land Registrar shall issue a certificate of title to the purchaser or purchasers upon a proper plan or plans being lodged. 10

Board may acquire other lands in lieu of lands sold.

6. The Board may select and acquire other lands within the Parish of Puniu, and within that part of the Parish of Mangapiko as lies between the western boundary of Puniu Parish and the western boundary of the Town of Te Awamutu, as are suitable for recreation-grounds, in lieu of the lands sold. All lands so acquired shall be paid for out of the Puniu Fund and vested in Her Majesty the Queen; and the Governor shall delegate to the Board the usual administrative powers over the newly acquired lands under "The Public Domains Act, 1881." 15 20