

Hon. Mr. Ward.

PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to appropriate certain Sums of Money for Public Works and Other Purposes. Title.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—Whereas under the authority of several Acts in that behalf certain unexpended balances of loans raised or to be raised were, upon the thirty-first day of March, in the present year, standing to the credit of the two Parts of the Public Works Fund, particularly described in section seven of "The Public Revenues Act, 1891," that is to say: to the credit of Part I., two hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five pounds; to the credit of Part II., twenty-six thousand six hundred and four pounds: And whereas it is expedient that a portion of such sums severally, and of such other moneys as may become payable into the Public Works Fund, should be appropriated to the several purposes and services to which the same are applicable:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives of New Zealand, in Parliament assembled, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty, towards making good the Supply which we have cheerfully granted to your Majesty in this session of Parliament, the sums hereinafter mentioned, and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and

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 Works Appropriation Act, 1895." Short Title.

2. The Colonial Treasurer may issue and apply— Grants.

Of £209,504.

(1.) Out of the said balance standing to the credit of Part I., amounting to the sum of two hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five pounds, and of such other moneys as may become payable into Part I. of the Public Works Fund, and in addition to the sum of two hundred and thirty thousand seven hundred and nineteen pounds authorised to be issued by the several Acts mentioned in the first part of the First Schedule hereto, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of two hundred and nine thousand five hundred and four pounds towards defraying the expenses of the several works and services mentioned in the Second Schedule :

Of £31,760.

(2.) And, out of the said balance of twenty-six thousand six hundred and four pounds standing to the credit of Part II., and in addition to the sum of five thousand and forty pounds authorised to be issued by the several Acts mentioned in the second part of the First Schedule hereto, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of thirty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty pounds towards defraying the expenses of the several works and services mentioned in the Third Schedule.

Lands Improvement Account : grant of £166,582.

3. And whereas by Part I. of "The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act, 1894," it is enacted that the payment of the sums for which money is appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of that Part of that Act is to be made out of moneys credited to a separate account called "The Lands Improvement Account": Be it enacted that out of such moneys any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred and sixty-six thousand five hundred and eighty-two pounds shall be used towards defraying the expenses of the several works and services mentioned in the Fourth Schedule.

Native Lands Purchase Account : grant of £148,991.

4. And whereas by Part II. of "The Lands Improvement and Native Lands Acquisition Act, 1894," it is enacted that the payment of the sums for which money is appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of that Act is to be made out of moneys credited to a separate account called "The Native Lands Purchase Account": Be it enacted that out of such moneys any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred and forty-eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-one pounds shall be used towards defraying the expenses of the several works and services mentioned in the Fifth Schedule.

Appropriation of grants

5. All sums so issued shall be applied for the purposes and services expressed in the several votes set forth in the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Schedules annexed hereto as shall come in the course of payment during the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and to no other purposes whatsoever.

Amount of liabilities which may be incurred.

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, to enter into any contract or contracts, or to incur any liabilities, for carrying on the works and services for which money is appropriated by this Act: Provided that the amount

of liability so incurred in respect of such vote shall not, together with the sum appropriated by such vote, exceed the sum set down in the ninth column in the Seventh Schedule opposite to each railway or other work for which money is appropriated by this Act.

5 7. The Colonial Treasurer may, during the three months ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, issue and pay moneys out of the unexpended balances of votes set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, together with an amount equal to one-fourth part of each such vote ; but no payment shall be made 10 during such period for any services other than those for which provision is made in the appropriations for the current year, nor in excess of the scale therein set forth.

Appropriations continued for three months.

8. Nothing in this Act shall limit the authority of the Colonial Treasurer to issue and pay any moneys which he may be otherwise 15 authorised to issue and pay under the authority of the forty-eighth section of " The Public Revenues Act, 1891."

Unauthorised expenditure.

9. And whereas the Colonial Treasurer has, under the authority of the forty-eighth section of " The Public Revenues Act, 1891," 20 issued from the Public Account, during the twelve months ended the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, moneys in excess of or without the appropriation of Parliament, amounting in the whole to three hundred and thirty pounds eight shillings and one penny, and has applied the said sum to the several purposes and services mentioned in the Sixth Schedule hereto 25 annexed : Be it enacted that the application of the said sums is hereby sanctioned.

Indemnity.

10. The moneys appropriated by this Act for the construction of public roads and such other public works as are usually constructed by or are under the control of local governing bodies may be paid 30 over to such local governing body or bodies as the Minister for Public Works or other Minister acting on his behalf may determine, upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between the said Minister and any such local governing body, to be expended by such body upon any of the works or services for which the same are 35 appropriated by this Act ; and the Colonial Treasurer shall make all such payments in accordance with any such agreement.

Moneys may be paid over to local bodies for expenditure.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

GRANTS OUT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FUND.

Out of Part I.		£	£
Under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891"	...	55,719	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1895"	...	50,000	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1895 (No. 2)"	...	50,000	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1895 (No. 3)"	...	50,000	
Under "The Imprest Supply Act, 1895 (No. 4)"	...	25,000	
Under this Act	... ..	209,504	
			440,223
Out of Part II.			
Under "The Public Revenues Act, 1891"	...	5,040	
Under this Act	... ..	31,760	
			36,800
Total Grants			£477,023

SECOND SCHEDULE.

A SCHEDULE of Sums appropriated out of PART I. of the Public Works Fund to defray the Charges of PUBLIC WORKS and other Services herein particularly mentioned which will come in the course of payment during the Year ending the 31st March, 1896.

Abstract of Schedule.		Amount appropriated for Expenditure.
Class		£
I.—Immigration	... ..	257
II.—Public Works, Departmental	... ..	10,000
III.—Railways	... ..	180,550
IV.—Roads	... ..	79,631
V.—Development of Goldfields	... ..	20,750
VI.—Purchase of Native Lands	... ..	1,000
VII.—Telegraph Extension	... ..	30,000
VIII.—Public Buildings	... ..	96,985
IX.—Lighthouses, Harbour Works, and Harbour Defences	... ..	15,300
X.—Rates on Native Lands	... ..	750
XI.—Contingent Defence	... ..	5,000
Total	... ..	440,223

Public Works Appropriation.

Vote.		\$	\$
CLASS I.—IMMIGRATION.			
75	Immigration	257	257
CLASS II.—PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENTAL.			
76	Public Works, Departmental	10,000	10,000
CLASS III.—RAILWAYS.			
77	Whangarei-Kamo Extension	8,000	
78	Kaihu Valley Railway Extension	3,000	
79	Helensville Northwards	6,000	
80	Grahamstown-Te Aroha	7,000	
81	Putaruru-Rotorua	2,000	
82	Eketahuna-Woodville	25,000	
83	Midland Railway	10,000	
84	Greymouth-Hokitika	6,000	
85	Fernhill Railway Purchase	1,150	
86	Otago Central	25,000	
87	Catlin's River	7,000	
88	Seaward Bush	8,000	
89	Land Claims, &c.	1,500	
90	Surveys, New Lines of Railway	700	
91	Permanent-way, Sleepers, and Rolling-stock	30,200	
92	Additions to Open Lines	40,000	
			180,550
CLASS IV.—ROADS.			
93	Main Roads	25,130	
94	Miscellaneous Roads and Bridges	23,060	
95	Local Bodies	410	
96	Roads on Goldfields	31,031	
			79,631
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENT OF GOLD-FIELDS.			
97	Development of Goldfields	20,750	
			20,750
CLASS VI.—PURCHASE OF NATIVE LANDS.			
98	Purchase of Native Lands	1,000	
			1,000
CLASS VII.—TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.			
99	Telegraph Extension	30,000	
			30,000
CLASS VIII.—PUBLIC BUILDINGS.			
100	General	3,400	
101	Judicial	33,715	
102	Postal and Telegraph	10,890	
103	Customs	600	
104	Lunatic Asylums	17,800	
105	School Buildings	20,000	
106	Agricultural	2,180	
107	Hospitals and Charitable Institutions	8,400	
			96,985

Vote.		£	£
	CLASS IX.—LIGHTHOUSES, HARBOUR WORKS, AND HARBOUR DEFENCES.		
108	Lighthouses	7,050	
109	Harbour Works	4,250	
110	Harbour Defences	4,000	
			15,300
	CLASS X.—RATES ON NATIVE LANDS.		
111	Rates on Native Lands	750	
			750
	CLASS XI.—CONTINGENT DEFENCE.		
112	Contingent Defence	5,000	
			5,000

THIRD SCHEDULE.

A SCHEDULE of Sums appropriated out of PART II. of the Public Works Fund to defray the Charges herein particularly mentioned which will come in the course of payment during the Year ending the 31st March, 1896.

			Amount appropriated for Expenditure.
Abstract of Schedule.			£
Class I.—Public Works, Departmental	...	...	1,800
„ II.—Railways	...	...	35,000
Total	...	..	36,800

Vote.		£	£
	CLASS I.—PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENTAL.		
113	Public Works, Departmental	1,800	
			1,800
	CLASS II.—RAILWAYS.		
114	Marton—Te Awamutu Railway Construction Works	34,000	
115	Surveys	1,000	
			35,000

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FOURTH SCHEDULE.

A SCHEDULE of SUMS appropriated out of the LANDS IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT to defray the Charges herein particularly mentioned which will come in the course of Payment during the Year ending the 31st March, 1896.

Vote.		£	£
116	Roads and Bridges	166,582	166,582
			<u>166,582</u>

FIFTH SCHEDULE.

A SCHEDULE of SUMS appropriated out of the NATIVE LANDS PURCHASE ACCOUNT to defray the Charges herein particularly mentioned which will come in the course of Payment during the Year ending the 31st March, 1896.

Vote.		£	£
117	Native Land Purchases, &c.	148,991	148,991
			<u>148,991</u>

SIXTH SCHEDULE.

UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1894-95.

Public Works Fund.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
FOR SERVICES IN EXCESS OF VOTES.							
PART I. ;—	Final Charges.	Advances.	Totals.				
Class II. Public Works, Departmental,—							
Vote 75—Public Works, Departmental	£330 8 1	..	330 8 1				
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND	.. ..	..	..		£330 8 1		

SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULE showing the Railways (and some of the other Works) on which Expenditure is authorised by this Act; the Sections thereof on which the Expenditure is to be incurred; the Definition and Length of such Sections; the Estimated Expenditure required to render the same available for use; the Amounts appropriated for the Year ending 31st March, 1896; the Balances for Future Appropriation; and the Amount to which Liabilities are authorised to be incurred by Section 4 of this Act.

1. Name.	2. Estimated Length of the Whole Line.		3. From		4. To		5. Estimated Length of Section.	6. Estimated Expenditure required on the Length stated in Column 5.	7. Amount appropriated for Expenditure during the Year ending 31 March, 1896.	8. Balance for Future Appropriation.	9. Amount to which Liabilities may be incurred.
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Whangarei-Kamo Ext. Railway	15	0	Hikurangi	..	Whakapara	..	3	0	8,000	2,000	10,000
Kaihu Valley	19	0	Opanake	Waimea	3	0	3,000	14,000	5,000
Helensville Northwards	110	0	Kanohi ..	..	Taheroro ..	..	7	0	6,000	19,000	11,000
Waikato-Thames	63	0	Grahamstown	..	Te Aroha ..	..	32	0	7,000	35,000	15,000
Thames Valley-Rotorua	73	0	Putaruru	..	Rotorua ..	..	32	0	2,000	..	2,000
Marton-Te Awamutu	216	0	Mokau ..	..	Poro-o-tarao	..	13	0	20,000	7,000	20,000
Wellington-Woodville	116	0	Rangsitira	..	Powhakarua	..	22	0	160,000	199,000	60,000
Midland	66	0	Eketahuna	..	Woodville ..	..	27	0	78,000	53,000	50,000
Grey mouth-Hokitika	24	0	Jackson's	..	Otira ..	..	13	0	86,000	111,000	15,000
Otago Central	183	0	Belgrove ..	..	Moneta ..	..	8	0	35,000	..	6,000
Catlin's River Branch	24	0	Grey mouth	..	Hokitika ..	..	24	0	6,000	..	74,000
Seaward Bush	23	0	Hyde ..	..	Owaka ..	..	23	0	25,000	8,000	15,000
Permanent-way materials and rolling stock required for sections of railway referred to in columns 3, 4, and 5	932	0	Glenomaru	..	Waimahaka	..	4	0	15,000	27,000	20,000
Public Buildings—			Mokotua ..	..	..	..	12	0	8,000	..	..
Government Printing Office			..	..	..	..	238	0	30,200	164,800	60,000
Dunedin Prison			..	..	..	..	..	13,700	2,000	11,700	13,700
Auckland Lunatic Asylum			..	..	..	..	..	11,500	6,000	5,500	11,500
			..	..	..	..	..	15,000	5,000	10,000	15,000

NOTE.—In addition to the appropriations shown above, provision is also made for the following services under the heading of Railways, viz.: Fernhill Railway purchase £1,150; Land-claims, &c., £1,500; Surveys of New Lines (Part I), £700; Surveys (Part II), £1,000; and Additions to Open Lines, £40,000.