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*House of Representatives,  
14th November, 1879.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

*Hon. Mr. Hall.*

### Qualification of Electors.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to define the Qualification of Electors of Members of the House of Representatives. 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 Qualification of Electors Act, 1879." Short Title.

2. The members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen in every electoral district appointed for that purpose by the votes of the inhabitants of New Zealand who shall possess within the district the qualifications defined by this Act, that is to say,— Qualification of electors.

(1.) Every man of the age of twenty-one years or upwards having, of his own right and not as a trustee, a freehold estate in possession situate within the *any* electoral district for which the vote is to be given of the value of twenty-five pounds, whether subject to incumbrances or not, and of or to which he has been seized or entitled either at law or in equity for at least *six* calendar months next before the registration of his vote, *is entitled to be registered as an elector and to vote at an election of members for such district for the House of Representatives*; or, Freehold.

(2.) Every man of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who has resided for *one* year in the colony and in the electoral district for which he claims to vote during the six months immediately preceding the registration of his vote, and is not registered in respect of a freehold qualification under this Act ~~in respect of~~ *for* the same district, is entitled to be registered as an elector and to vote at the election of members for such district for the House of Representatives. Residential.

*Struck out.*

(3.) The expression "registration of his vote" shall respectively mean the day on which any person lodges his claim to vote with the Registration Officer, or the day on which the Registration Officer places the name of any

person on any electoral roll, under the provisions of any Act for the time being in force for the registration of electors.

Maori qualification.

4. (3.) Every male Maori of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, whose name is enrolled upon a ratepayers' roll in force within the electoral district in respect of which he claims to vote, or who is seized in severalty of a freehold estate of the value of twenty-five pounds or upwards, *whether subject to incumbrances or not*, is entitled to be registered as an elector and to vote at the elections of members for such districts for the House of Representatives; 5  
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But no such Maori shall be entitled to be registered as an elector, or to vote at any such election, in respect of any other qualification under this Act.

Aliens, &c., disqualified.

5. (4.) No alien nor *any* person attainted or convicted of any treason felony or infamous offence within any part of Her Majesty's dominions, unless he *such person* shall have received a free pardon, or shall have undergone the sentence or punishment to which he shall have been adjudged for such offence, shall be entitled to be registered: ~~Provided always that~~ *And the name of every person who may in future be convicted of any of the before-mentioned offences shall unless he has received a free pardon, have his name be erased from every electoral roll of the colony, and no such person, unless he shall have received a free pardon, shall be not* 15  
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entitled to have ~~such~~ *his* name placed on any electoral roll within *twelve* months after he has undergone the sentence or punishment to which he shall be adjudged for such offence. 30

*New Clause.*

What day to be deemed to be day of registration.

3. The day on which the Registration Officer places the name of any person on any electoral roll, under the provisions of any Act for the time being in force for the registration of electors, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the day of registration. 35

Registered elector qualified as a member.

3. 4. Every man registered as an elector, and not coming within the meaning of section two of "The Public Offenders Disqualification Act, 1867," but no other person *man*, is qualified to be elected a member of the House of Representatives for any electoral district ~~within the colony.~~ 40

Member ceasing to be elector not disqualified from sitting.

4. 5. Any member of the House of Representatives ceasing to be on the register as an elector shall not from that cause only be disqualified from ~~continuing such sitting as a member.~~ 45

Holders of miners' rights may vote upon their existing qualification during the year 1890.

5. 7. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, until the electoral rolls to be ~~formed~~ *formed* under an Act intended to be passed in the present session shall come into force, all persons who may be qualified to vote at any election as holders of miners' rights shall continue to have and may exercise the like electoral privileges which they are entitled to have and exercise as the holders of such miners' rights; ~~the meaning hereof being that until the date hereinbefore mentioned none of the persons to whom this section refers shall be deprived of any privileges which but for this Act they would have had or enjoyed.~~ 50

Definition of "Maori."

6. 7. The word "Maori" in this Act means an aboriginal native inhabitant of New Zealand, and includes any half-caste living as a member of a Native tribe, according to their customs and usages, and any descendant of such half-caste by a Maori woman.

Maori special representation.

7. 8. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect any right or privilege conferred upon or granted to Maoris under "The Maori Representation Act, 1867," or any Act amending or continuing the same.

Mr. Finn.

### Queenstown Racecourse Reserve.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.<br/>Preamble.<br/>1. Short Title.<br/>2. Land in Schedule vested in Board of Trustees.<br/>3. Trustees of Queenstown Racecourse.<br/>4. Vacancies.<br/>5. Resignations.<br/>6. Vacancies filled up by Governor.</p> | <p>7. Board may set apart portion of land as a site for a racecourse.<br/>8. Board may lease lands.<br/>9. Proceeds of land to be expended in improvements. Proviso.<br/>10. Board to keep accounts.<br/>11. Board may make rules.<br/>12. Trust may be dissolved.<br/>Schedule.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to constitute a Board of Trustees and to vest Title.  
in it certain Public Reserves near Queenstown, in  
the Provincial District of Otago, for the purposes  
of a Racecourse.

WHEREAS a Crown grant of the land described in the Schedule Preamble.  
hereto has, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1854," been made  
to the Superintendent of Otago, in trust, as a racecourse for the in-  
habitants of Queenstown: And whereas it is expedient to vest the said  
5 lands in a Board of Trustees for the purpose of a public racecourse,  
and for other purposes:

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

10 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Queenstown Racecourse Short Title.  
Reserve Act, 1879."

2. On the passing of this Act the land described in the Schedule Land in Schedule  
vested in Board of  
Trustees.  
hereto shall, without any conveyance, be vested in a Board of Trustees  
(hereinafter called "the Board") consisting of the following persons:—

15 James Douglas, Charles Crofton Boyes, and Michael John Malaghan,  
and shall be held by them for the purposes of this Act.

3. The Board shall be a corporate body by the name of "The Trustees of Queens-  
town Racecourse.  
Trustees of the Queenstown Racecourse," with perpetual succession  
and a common seal, and with full power and authority by that name

to sue and be sued in all Courts whatsoever, and shall be capable in law, for the purposes of and subject to this Act, to do and suffer all such acts and things as bodies corporate may do and suffer, with power to take and hold such lands, tenements, or hereditaments as may be in any manner vested in the Board, either as a site for a racecourse or for any other purpose in connection therewith. 5

Vacancies.

4. If any member of the Board shall be directly or indirectly concerned in any contract with the Board, or shall receive or be entitled to receive any money or emolument for any work done or to be done for the Board, or shall be absent from the provincial district for the space of twelve consecutive calendar months, or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or take the benefit of or be brought under the operation of any Act relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or shall become a public defaulter, or shall be convicted of felony, his seat in such Board shall become vacant. 10 15

Resignations.

5. It shall be lawful for any member, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, to resign his seat in the Board, and upon the acknowledgment of the receipt by the Governor of such writing, the seat of such member shall become vacant.

Vacancies filled up by Governor.

6. If a vacancy occurs in the Board through death or through any of the reasons aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy. 20

Board may set apart portion of land as a site for a racecourse.

7. It shall be lawful for the Board to set apart a sufficient portion of the said parcel of land as and for the purposes of a racecourse, and from time to time to vary and alter the portion which may for the time being be set apart, and to set apart another portion of the said parcel of land as a racecourse in lieu thereof. 25

Board may lease lands.

8. It shall be lawful for the Board, by deed under their corporate seal, to lease from time to time, at such rent and on such conditions as they may think reasonable, the whole or any part of the said parcel of land specified in the said Schedule hereto not required for the purposes of a racecourse, for any term or terms of years not exceeding seven years at any one time, and on conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of the said reserve. 30

Proceeds of land to be expended in improvements.

9. All moneys received by the Board for the rents, issues, and profits of the said parcel of land shall, after deducting therefrom all necessary expenses incurred in the management thereof, be applied in and towards the cultivation and improvement of the said parcel of land, and in rendering any part thereof that may be set apart as a racecourse suitable for that purpose: Provided that nothing herein contained shall have the effect of appropriating to such purpose moneys received as entrance fees, or for stands and booths in connection with any races upon such lands. 35 40

Proviso.

Board to keep accounts.

10. The Board shall keep accurate accounts of all sums of money received for rents, issues, and profits on account of the said land, and of all costs, charges, expenses, and disbursements in connection with the management and maintenance thereof; and on the *thirty-first of March* in every year, or within one week thereafter, the Board shall prepare accounts and a balance-sheet, showing the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the previous year, and the actual financial state of the Board on the *thirty-first day of March* in that year; and such accounts and balance-sheet shall be forwarded to the Governor, who may, if he shall think fit, order such accounts and balance-sheet to be published in the *Government Gazette*. 45 50

Board may make rules.

11. It shall be lawful for the Board, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time to make and alter rules for regulating their own proceedings, for prescribing the conditions on which the public shall be permitted to have access to the said racecourse upon any day when the same shall be used for racing or other purposes, and for regulating the price for admission on such 55 60

occasions, for excluding the public from such parts of the said parcel of land as may be leased, or as it may be found necessary or desirable to improve or lay down in artificial grasses, for regulating the charges that may be made for the occupation of the said racecourse, for the

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erection of booths or stalls for the sale of refreshments, merchandise, goods, or chattels, for the conditions upon which such erections are allowed or permitted, and for the admission of horses and vehicles to the said racecourse.

12. The Governor may, on the petition of the members for the

10 time being of the said Board of Trustees, or of two-thirds of the rate-payers of the Town of Queenstown, dissolve the said Board; and upon such dissolution the said lands shall vest in the Corporation of the said town in trust for recreation purposes.

Trust may be dissolved.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that parcel of land in the Provincial District of Otago, being Sections Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 44, 44A, 45, 45A, 46, 47, 48, 64, and 65, Block I., Shotover Survey District, and part of the Town of Frankton, and containing by admeasurement one hundred and thirty-nine (139) acres three (3) roods nine (9) poles, more or less. Bounded towards the North-east by Section No. 63 of aforesaid Block I., one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) links; thence by a road, fifty (50) links; again by the said road line and Section No. 33 of said Block I., one thousand three hundred and fifty (1350) links; thence by Sections Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41, and 43, of the said Block I., three hundred and twenty (320) links and two thousand four hundred (2400) links: towards the South-east by a road line, two thousand four hundred and eighty-eight (2488) links: towards the South-west by a road line, one thousand six hundred (1600) links: again towards the South-east by road line, one thousand and eighty-six (1086) links: again towards the South-west by a road line, three thousand one hundred and sixty (3160) links: towards the North-west by Crown lands, five hundred and thirty-six (536) links: again towards the North-east by Cemetery Reserve, four hundred (400) links: again towards North-west by said Cemetery Reserve and a road, five hundred and fifty (550) links: again towards the South-west by road line, four hundred (400) links: and again towards the North-west by Sections Nos. 49 and 149, of said Block I., one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) links, and four hundred and forty-eight (448) links; be all the aforesaid linkages more or less: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the Survey Office, Dunedin.

Schedule.