

STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Amusement Tax

Clause 3: Section 7 (a) of the Amusement Tax Act 1955 exempts from amusement tax any entertainment the proceeds or the net proceeds of which are devoted to charitable, philanthropic, or educational purposes in New Zealand or to patriotic purposes. The effect of this clause is to exempt from amusement tax any entertainment the proceeds or the net proceeds of which are devoted to charitable purposes in New Zealand or elsewhere. Charitable purposes are defined in the clause as including every charitable purpose, whether it relates to the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or religion, or any other matter beneficial to the community. This is the same definition as in the Land and Income Tax Act 1954.

Apiaries

Clause 5 authorises the making of regulations regulating, prohibiting, or restricting the application for agricultural or horticultural purposes of sprays and dusts that are toxic to bees. The regulations may apply generally or may apply in specified areas or at specified times.

Canterbury University College

Clause 7 authorises the Canterbury University College Council to appoint an Acting Rector of the College, to act while there is a vacancy in the office of Rector or during the absence or incapacity of the Rector.

Cinematograph Films

Clause 9: Section 32 of the Cinematograph Films Act 1928 provides that no person may exhibit films unless he is the holder of an exhibitor's licence granted under that Act. Doubts have arisen as to whether there is any authority to grant an exhibitor's licence in respect of any theatre that is not situated in a building, and the purpose of this clause is to make it clear that licences may be granted in respect of open-air theatres and that films may be exhibited in open-air theatres provided the exhibitor is the holder of an exhibitor's licence.

Clause 10 confers power to make regulations authorising a licensing officer to refuse to grant an exhibitor's licence in respect of an open-air theatre, if he considers that the proposed site is unsuitable as being likely to create traffic hazards or public nuisances or to endanger the public health. The regulations may authorise the licensing officer, when granting an exhibitor's licence in respect of an open-air theatre, to impose conditions and restrictions, having regard to conditions existing locally or generally in the film industry.

Coroners

Clause 12 provides that, where the Coroner is satisfied that there is no reason making it desirable that the witness should give the whole of his evidence orally and no person in attendance at the inquest objects to the procedure, the Coroner may permit a witness to give his evidence by tendering and confirming on oath a previously prepared written statement.

Deaths by Accidents Compensation

Clause 14 amends the definition of the term "parent" in section 2 (1) of the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Act 1952 by substituting a cross reference to the whole of the Adoption Act 1955 for the present cross reference to section 21 of the Infants Act 1908. A corresponding amendment of the definition of the term "child" in section 2 (1) was made by section 29 of the Adoption Act 1955.

Education Lands

Clause 16: Section 4 (1) of the Education Lands Act 1949 declares that all land reserved or set apart under or by virtue of that Act or any other Act as a site for a public school shall vest in the Education Board of the education district in which the land is situated. The purpose of this clause is to provide that land set apart as a school site under the Public Works Act 1928 will remain vested in the Crown and will not vest in the Education Board.

Clause 17 authorises Trustees of high schools and Education Boards to let the school playing fields for purposes of sport at times when they are not required for school purposes, and to retain the rents received.

Electricians

Clause 19: By regulation 62 (1) of the Electricians Registration Regulations 1956 (S.R. 1956/34) made under section 37 (1) (g) of the principal Act, the Council of Fire and Accident Underwriters' Associations of New Zealand (which as representing insurance companies carrying on fire and accident insurance in New Zealand is entitled to recommend a member for appointment on the Electricians Registration Board) is required to meet part of the cost of administering the principal Act. This clause enables the Council to collect contributions towards the payments it is required to make from all the insurance companies carrying on fire or accident insurance in New Zealand, whether or not they are members of the association. The total amount is to be apportioned among the insurance companies in proportion to the premiums which they receive for business of that nature, as determined by the Council.

Electricity

Clause 21: The effect of this clause is that the Minister in Charge of the State Hydro-electric Department may delegate his authority under the Electricity Act 1945 to execute contracts or instruments on behalf of the Crown.

Clause 22: This clause re-enacts in an amended form the definition of the term "electricity agreement" for the purposes of the provisions of the Electricity Amendment Act 1948 relating to the registration of agreements for the supply of electricity in rural areas. The existing definition refers to agreements to make payments in respect of the capital cost of the extension of electric lines in rural areas, but the new definition is not limited to agreements relating to the capital cost as some agreements provide for minimum payments based on other factors, such as the number of installations of certain kinds, and the amended definition will enable agreements of this kind to be registered also.

The clause also enables electricity agreements to be registered against mining privileges under the Mining Act 1926 and coal mining leases and coal mining rights under the Coal Mines Act 1925.

Fire Services

Clause 24: Subclause (1) of this clause increases from £50 to £150 the maximum amount of the unauthorised expenditure of Urban Fire Authorities in any year.

Subclause (2) increases from £50 to £150 the maximum amount of the unauthorised expenditure of the Fire Service Council in any year, and enables the contribution made by the Council to the United Fire Brigades' Association to be increased to £4,000 instead of the existing statutory limit of £3,000.

Clause 25: Section 51 of the Fire Services Act 1949 provides that insurance companies are to make annual contributions to the Fire Service Council, the amounts of those contributions being calculated in the manner set out in section 52. Under that section the contributions by rural insurance companies are at present based on 25 per cent of their premiums, and the effect of this clause is that in future those contributions are to be based on 35 per cent of those premiums.

Fisheries

Clause 27: Section 5 of the Fisheries Act 1908 contains provisions authorising the Governor-General to make regulations relating to the taking of or having in possession any fish, oysters, or seals. This clause extends those provisions, and authorises the making of such regulations relating not only to seals but also to all other kinds of marine mammals, for example, dolphins.

Hospitals

Clause 29: Under section 17 (5) of the Hospitals Act 1926 the costs of elections of the representatives of a combined district on a Hospital Board are paid by the contributory local authorities in the same proportions as those in which they are first assessed for contribution to the Board after the date of the election. There will be no such contributions after the next local body elections. Under this clause, the costs of the elections of representatives in combined districts will be paid by the local authorities in proportion to population.

Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration

Clause 31 increases from £3,000 a year to £3,250 a year the salary of the Judge of the Court of Arbitration. The clause also increases the salary of the Additional Judge of the Court from £2,500 a year to £2,750 a year, but fixes the salary of the present holder of that office at £3,250 a year. His present salary is £3,000 a year.

Judicature

Clause 33 increases from eleven to twelve the number of Judges who may be appointed to the Supreme Court, in addition to the Chief Justice.

Clause 34 increases the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court, from £3,500 a year to £3,750 a year in the case of the Chief Justice, and from £3,000 a year to £3,250 a year in the case of the other Judges.

Land Valuation Court

Clause 36 increases the salary of the Judge of the Land Valuation Court from £2,500 a year to £2,750 a year, but fixes the salary of the present holder of that office at £3,250 a year, the amount at which the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court are fixed by *clause 34* of the Bill.

Linen Flax Corporation

Clause 38 reduces from eight to five the number of directors of the Corporation, and removes the provisions of the principal Act that the directors shall be representatives of particular groups associated with the linen flax industry.

Local Elections and Polls

Clause 40: Section 91 of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1953 provides that persons possessing a residential qualification in respect of the area adjoining the City of Auckland described in that section are entitled to be enrolled on the district electors roll of the City of Auckland as if that area were situated within the city. As that area has since been included in the City of Auckland those special provisions are now spent and this clause repeals that section.

Magistrates' Courts

Clause 42 increases the salaries of Magistrates from £1,800 a year to £2,200 a year.

Medical Research Council

Clause 44 amends the definition of the term "financial year" in section 2 of the principal Act, which will in future end on 31 December instead of on 31 March. The Imprest Account of the Council is held by the University of Otago whose financial year ends on 31 December, and it will be more convenient for the financial year of the Council to end on the same date.

Municipal Association

Clause 46 increases from £200 a year to £400 a year the maximum allowance that may be paid to the President of the Municipal Association of New Zealand Incorporated.

Municipal Corporations

Clause 48: This clause empowers Borough Councils and Town Councils to diminish the width of a street to less than 66 ft. with the consent of the Governor-General in Council. Councils had this power under section 175 (4) (e) of the Municipal Corporations Act 1933, but this provision was not re-enacted in the 1954 Act.

Clause 49 authorises Borough Councils and Town Councils to make advances to owners of land in the district to meet emergency expenditure on their land due to flood, storm, landslip, earthquake, fire, or other accident. This power already exists in sections 45 and 46 of the Statutes Amendment Act 1941, which sections form part of the Local Bodies' Finance Act 1921-22. The Local Authorities Loans Bill at present before the House does not re-enact those provisions as they do not form part of the legislation relating to borrowing by local authorities, and this clause now inserts those provisions in the Municipal Corporations Act 1954.

National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum

Clause 51 provides for an additional member of the Board of Trustees of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum to be appointed on the nomination of the New Zealand Returned Services' Association Incorporated.

National Parks

Clause 53: Section 16 (e) of the National Parks Act 1952 provides that one member of the Tongariro National Park Board is to be appointed on the recommendation of the Ski Council of the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Incorporated. Section 18 (3) of that Act provides that, where the National Parks Authority considers it desirable that because of the nature of the Park mountain climbers and skiers should have representation on any National Park Board other than the Tongariro National Park Board or the Egmont National Park Board, one member of the Board shall be nominated jointly by the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Incorporated and the Ski Council of that body. The functions of the Ski Council have now been assumed by the New Zealand Ski Association Incorporated, and this clause substitutes the name of that association for the Ski Council in each case.

National Provident Fund

Clause 55 authorises local authorities to pay money at credit of any account into the National Provident Fund, subject to an agreement that the National Provident Fund Board will repay the money with interest as agreed between the Board and the local authority.

Clause 56 authorises Sinking Fund Commissioners and Depreciation Fund Commissioners of local authorities to pay money received by them as such Commissioners into the National Provident Fund, subject to an agreement that the Board will repay the money with interest as agreed between the Board and the Commissioners.

National Savings

Clause 58: The effect of this clause is to fix a limit of £200 on the amount at credit of a National Savings Investment Account that on the death of the investor may be paid without probate or letters of administration. At present payment may be made without probate or letters of administration only where the combined amount in the investor's National Savings Investment Account and any Post Office Savings Bank account and trustee savings bank account does not exceed £200.

New Zealand Counties Association

Clause 60 increases from £250 a year to £400 a year the maximum allowance that may be paid to the President of the New Zealand Counties Association.

Patriotic and Canteen Funds

Clause 62 extends the definition of the term "serviceman" in the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act 1947 so as to include a person who served as a member of any naval, military, or air forces of New Zealand or any other part of the Commonwealth during any emergency, whether arising out of the obligations undertaken by New Zealand or that other part of the Commonwealth in the Charter of the United Nations or otherwise. This amendment will enable welfare assistance from patriotic and canteen funds to be applied to former members of emergency forces, such as K Force and the Special Air Service Squadron at present serving in Malaya.

Public Revenues

Clause 64 increases the salary of the Controller and Auditor-General from £2,200 a year to £2,600 a year.

Clause 65: Section 116 of the Public Revenues Act 1953 provides that the authority of Parliament must be obtained before any losses of public money or stores are finally written off as irrecoverable, but it is not necessary to write off as irrecoverable any reduction in the value of stores due to fair wear and tear or due to losses on the realisation of obsolete, unserviceable, or surplus stores. The decision of the Minister of Finance as to what constitutes fair wear and tear is final.

The effect of this clause is that the authority of Parliament will not be required before normal and unavoidable losses of stores are written off as irrecoverable, and the decision of the Minister of Finance as to what constitutes a normal and unavoidable loss will be final.

Public Trust Office

Clause 67 authorises money in the Common Fund of the Public Trust Office to be invested in debentures or stock issued by a local authority that does not fall within any of the classes mentioned in section 34 of the Public Trust Office Act 1908, provided the debentures or stock of that local authority or the debentures or stock of any particular loan raised by that local authority have been declared, by Order in Council, to be authorised investments of the Common Fund. The existing general power of investment in debentures and stock of local authorities is limited to particular kinds of local authorities whose debentures or stock are secured on rates or on land or on rents from land.

Rural Housing

Clause 69 simplifies the procedure in connection with advances by County Councils, etc., to farmers for the erection of dwellings. The new provisions permit applications for loans to be made to a Council in any form which the Council approves, and permit Councils to approve plans and specifications so long as they are approved by a qualified person appointed by the Council and comply with the New Zealand Standard Model Building Bylaw. The required valuations may be made by any qualified person appointed by the Council, and not necessarily by the Valuer-General. The Council may require the farmer to meet the costs of the valuation. The clause also removes the requirement that repayment tables shall be prescribed. The tables will be available from the State Advances Corporation for use by County Councils and farmers.

Shipping and Seamen

Clause 71 authorises the Minister of Marine to delegate to the Secretary for Marine or to any other officer of the Marine Department any of his powers under the principal Act or under any regulations made under that Act.

Social Security

Clauses 73 and 74 amend the Social Security Act 1938 so as to provide that where social security charge is paid more than a month after the due date, so that a ten per cent penalty is imposed, half of the penalty is to be remitted if the charge is paid within three months after the due date.

Stamp Duties

Clause 76 exempts from stamp duties agreements (other than hire purchase agreements) made for or relating to the sale of goods, wares, and merchandise.

Standard Time

Clause 78 declares that the standard time for the Chatham Islands as from 1 January 1957 shall be forty-five minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time. At present the standard time in the Chatham Islands is the same as for any other place in New Zealand, that is, twelve hours in advance of Greenwich mean time.

State Supply of Electrical Energy

Clause 80 confers on the Minister in Charge of the State Hydro-electric Department, in connection with any scheme for the generation of electricity by any means other than water power or geothermal energy, the same powers as are conferred on him by Part XIII of the Public Works Act 1928 in connection with hydro-electric schemes. Those powers have already been extended by the Geothermal Energy Act 1953 so as to apply to schemes for the generation of electricity by using geothermal energy but not by coal-fired plants or other means.

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Hon. Mr Marshall

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend certain enactments of the General Assembly

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Statutes Amendment Act 1956.

Amusement Tax

10 2. Sections to be read with Amusement Tax Act 1955—
This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Amusement Tax Act 1955 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

15 3. “Charitable purpose” defined—(1) Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “admission”, the following definition:

20 “‘Charitable purpose’ includes every charitable purpose, whether it relates to the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or religion, or any other matter beneficial to the community:”.

(2) Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words “to charitable, philanthropic, or educational purposes in New Zealand, or to patriotic purposes”, and substituting the words “to charitable purposes in New Zealand or elsewhere”.

Apiaries

4. Sections to be read with **Apiaries Act 1927**—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the **Apiaries Act 1927** (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

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5. **Regulations as to substances toxic to bees**—Section sixteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after paragraph (i), the following paragraph:

“(ii) Regulating, prohibiting, or restricting, either generally or in any specified areas or at any specified times, the application for agricultural or horticultural purposes of any specified sprays or dusts or sprays or dusts of any specified classes or descriptions that are toxic to bees:”.

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Canterbury University College

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6. Clauses to be read with **Canterbury University College Act 1933**—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the **Canterbury University College Act 1933** (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

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7. **Appointment of Acting Rector**—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section twenty-one, the following section:

“21A. (1) On the occurrence from any cause of a vacancy in the office of Rector, or during the absence from New Zealand or incapacity of the Rector, the Council may from time to time appoint a member of the Professorial Board or some other person to be Acting Rector of the College while the vacancy, absence, or incapacity continues. Every person so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council.

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“(2) All functions, powers, and duties vested in or exercisable by the Rector under this Act or any other Act shall be vested in and exercisable by the Acting Rector at all times while he continues in that office.”

(2) Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (g) of subsection two, and substituting the following paragraph:

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“(g) The Rector, or, while there is no Rector in office or during the absence or incapacity of the Rector, the Acting Rector:”.

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(3) Section five of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting in subsection four, after the words "of such decision", the words "then, unless there is an Acting Rector in office".

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Cinematograph Films

8. Sections to be read with Cinematograph Films Act 1928—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Cinematograph Films Act 1928 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act).

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9. "Premises" defined—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in section two, after the definition of the term "Minister", the following definition:

15 " 'Premises' includes any building, enclosure, ground, or open-air space: "

(2) Section thirty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection five the word "building", and substituting the word "premises".

20 10. Regulations as to open-air theatres—Section forty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection:

"(1A) Without limiting the power to make regulations conferred by this section, regulations may be made under this section—

25 "(a) Authorising the licensing officer to refuse to grant an application for an exhibitor's licence in respect of an open-air theatre, where in his opinion the proposed site is unsuitable upon the ground that a traffic hazard or a public nuisance is likely to be created or the public health is likely to be endangered:

30 "(b) Empowering the licensing officer in granting or renewing or reissuing any such exhibitor's licence to attach such conditions and restrictions as the Governor-General thinks fit, having regard to conditions existing locally or generally in the industry."

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Coroners

40 11. Sections to be read with Coroners Act 1951—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Coroners Act 1951 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

12. Taking of evidence at inquests—Section seventeen of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection four, the following subsection:

“(4A) Where—

“(a) The Coroner is satisfied that there is no reason making it desirable that the witness should give the whole of his evidence orally; and

“(b) No person attending the inquest and entitled to examine and cross-examine witnesses objects to the procedure being followed,—

the Coroner may permit any witness to give the whole or part of his evidence by tendering a previously prepared statement in writing and confirming the same on oath. The witness may be cross-examined on any evidence in the statement as if it had been given orally at the inquest, and the statement shall form part of the depositions taken at the inquest.”

Deaths by Accidents Compensation

13. Sections to be read with Deaths by Accidents Compensation Act 1952—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Deaths by Accidents Compensation Act 1952 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

14. Interpretation—Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting, from the definition of the term “parent” in subsection one, the words “section twenty-one of the Infants Act 1908”, and substituting the words “the Adoption Act 1955”.

Education Lands

15. Sections to be read with Education Lands Act 1949—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Education Lands Act 1949 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act).

16. Land set apart under Public Works Act 1928 for school site not to vest in Education Board—Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words “any other Act”, the words “except the Public Works Act 1928”.

17. Letting of school playing areas when not required for school purposes—Section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

5 “(6) Notwithstanding anything in this section, the Trustees of a high school or an Education Board may from time to time let any of the playing areas of any school under the control of the Trustees or of the Board for use for the purposes of sport at such times as those areas are not required for school purposes. Every such letting shall be at such rent and on such terms and conditions as the Trustees or the Board, as the case
10 may be, think fit.

“ (7) Notwithstanding anything in subsection five of this section, all money received by way of rent under any letting of playing areas under subsection six of this section shall form
15 part of the funds of the Trustees or of the Board, as the case may be:

“ Provided that in the case of an Education Board all money so received shall form part of the building fund available for the maintenance and repair of schools as defined in subsection
20 six of section thirty-three of the Education Act 1914 (as substituted by subsection two of section five of the Education Amendment Act 1949).”

Electricians

18. Sections to be read with Electricians Act 1952—This
25 section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electricians Act 1952 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

19. Recovery of contributions by insurance companies towards cost of administering principal Act—The principal
30 Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section thirty-six, the following section:

“36A. (1) In this section—

“ ‘Council’ means the Council of Fire and Accident Underwriters’ Associations of New Zealand:

35 “ ‘Insurance company’ means any company, partnership, corporation, or person carrying on in New Zealand the business of fire insurance or accident insurance or both fire and accident insurance; and includes the State Fire Insurance Office, and also the agent,
40 attorney, or representative of any such company, partnership, corporation, or person, whether that company, partnership, corporation, or person is incorporated or resident in New Zealand or not.

“(2) While the Council is recognised by the Minister as the body entitled to recommend a member for appointment to the Electricians Registration Board under paragraph (c) of subsection two of section four of this Act, the Council may recover as a debt due to it from each insurance company in respect of the financial year ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and each financial year thereafter, a part of the amount payable by the Council towards the cost of administering this Act in that year, which part shall bear the same proportion to the said amount as the proportion which, in the opinion of the Council, the total of the premiums received by or due to the insurance company in that financial year in respect of insurance in New Zealand against fire or accident or both bears to the gross total of all such premiums received by or due to all the insurance companies in that year.”

Electricity

20. Sections to be read with Electricity Act 1945—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electricity Act 1945 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act).

21. Execution of contracts by the Minister or by persons authorised by the Minister—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section six, the following section:

“6A. Every contract, agreement, deed, or other instrument relating to or arising out of—

“(a) Any scheme carried on by the Minister under the State Supply of Electrical Energy Act 1917; or

“(b) Any works acquired, erected, constructed, or provided by the Minister or under his control by virtue of this Act; or

“(c) Any matter coming under the jurisdiction or control of the Minister by virtue of this Act,—

shall, unless otherwise expressly provided in any other enactment, be entered into in the name of Her Majesty, and may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Act, be executed on behalf of Her Majesty by the Minister, or by any person authorised in writing by the Minister in that behalf either personally by name or as the holder of a specified office, and either generally or in respect of any specified contract or instrument or of any specified class or classes of contracts or instruments.”

22. Meaning of "electricity agreement" extended—

(1) Section two of the Electricity Amendment Act 1948 is hereby amended by repealing the definition of the terms "electricity agreement" and "agreement", and substituting the following definition:

"'Electricity agreement' or 'agreement' means an agreement in writing made either before or after the passing of this Act between an Electrical Supply Authority and the owner or lessee of any land outside a borough or town district to which regulation 21-43 of the Electrical Supply Regulations 1935 applied before the agreement was made; being an agreement by which that owner or lessee undertakes to make minimum payments to the Electrical Supply Authority in respect of the electrical energy supplied for any building or installation on that land, irrespective of the quantity of electrical energy so supplied; and includes any agreement which varies or is in substitution for an electricity agreement:"

(2) Section two of the Electricity Amendment Act 1948 is hereby further amended by adding to the definition of the term "lease" the words "and includes a mining privilege, and also includes a coal mining lease or coal mining right under the Coal Mines Act 1925; and 'lessee' includes the registered owner of a mining privilege or coal mining lease or coal mining right".

(3) Section two of the Electricity Amendment Act 1948 is hereby further amended by adding the following definitions:

"'Mining privilege' has the same meaning as in the Mining Act 1926:

"'Registrar', in relation to any land (including the land comprised in a mining privilege that is registered under the Land Transfer Act 1952), means the District Land Registrar or the Registrar of Deeds, as the case may require, for the land registration district within which the land is situated; and, in relation to any land comprised in a mining privilege that is not registered under the Land Transfer Act 1952, or in relation to a coal mining lease or coal mining right under the Coal Mines Act 1925 that is registered in the office of a Mining Registrar, means the Mining Registrar in whose office the mining privilege or lease or right is registered."

(4) The Electricity Amendment Act 1948 is hereby further amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from subsection two of section three the words "the District Land Registrar or Registrar of Deeds, as the case may require, in the land registration district in which the land is situated", and substituting the words "the Registrar": 5
- (b) By omitting from subsection two of section three the words "the District Land Registrar" where they last occur, and substituting the words "the Registrar": 10
- (c) By omitting from subsection four of section three the words "the District Land Registrar or Registrar of Deeds, as the case may require", and substituting the words "the Registrar":
- (d) By omitting from subsection five of section three the words "the District Land Registrar or the Registrar of Deeds, as the case may require", and substituting the words "the Registrar": 15
- (e) By omitting from subsection one of section five the words "the District Land Registrar or Registrar of Deeds, as the case may require, of the land registration district in which the land is situated", and substituting the words "the Registrar": 20
- (f) By omitting from subsection six of section five the words "the District Land Registrar or Registrar of Deeds, as the case may require", and substituting the words "the Registrar": 25

Fire Services

23. Sections to be read with Fire Services Act 1949—This section and the next two succeeding sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Fire Services Act 1949 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act). 30

24. Expenditure by Urban Fire Authorities and Fire Service Council—(1) Section forty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso to paragraph (g) of subsection three the words "fifty pounds", and substituting the words "one hundred and fifty pounds". 35

(2) Section forty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (g) of subsection two the words "fifty pounds", and substituting the words "one hundred and fifty pounds": 40

(b) By omitting from paragraph (h) of subsection two the words "three thousand pounds", and substituting the words "four thousand pounds".

25. Amount to be contributed by each insurance company—

5 Section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection one (as substituted by subsection two of section twenty-one of the Fire Services Amendment Act 1953) the words "twenty-five per cent", and substituting the words "thirty-five per cent".

10 *Fisheries*

26. Sections to be read with Fisheries Act 1908—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Fisheries Act 1908 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

15 27. Regulations relating to marine mammals—Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By omitting from paragraph (h), and also from paragraph (o), the word "seals" wherever it occurs, and substituting in each case the words "marine mammals (including seals)":

20 (b) By omitting from paragraph (j) the word "seal" wherever it occurs, and substituting in each case the words "marine mammal (including any seal)".

Hospitals

25 28. Sections to be read with Hospitals Act 1926—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Hospitals Act 1926 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

30 29. Cost of elections in combined districts—Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection five the words "in the same proportions in which they are first assessed for contribution to the Hospital Board after the date of the election", and substituting the words "in the same proportions as at the date of the election the populations of the districts of those local authorities bear to the total population of the combined district. For the purposes of this subsection the population of the district of any local authority at the date of the election shall be deemed to be the population of that district as appearing in the then latest statistics in relation thereto published by the Department of Statistics in accordance with the Statistics Act 1955".

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Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration

30. Sections to be read with Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954—(1) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954 (in that section referred to as the principal Act). 5

(2) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be deemed to have come into force on the *first* day of *April*, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

31. Salaries of Judge and Additional Judge of Court of Arbitration—(1) Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words “three thousand pounds”, and substituting the words “three thousand two hundred and fifty pounds”. 10

(2) Section twenty of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows: 15

(a) By omitting from the first proviso to subsection three the words “two thousand five hundred pounds”, and substituting the words “two thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds”: 20

(b) By omitting from the second proviso to subsection three the words “three thousand pounds”, and substituting the words “three thousand two hundred and fifty pounds”.

Judicature

32. Sections to be read with Judicature Act 1908—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Judicature Act 1908. 25

33. Increasing number of Judges of Supreme Court—(1) Section two of the Judicature Amendment Act 1913 is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one (as inserted by section two of the Judicature Amendment Act 1953 and amended by section two of the Judicature Amendment Act 1955) the word “eleven”, and substituting the word “twelve”. 30

(2) The Judicature Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed. 35

34. Salaries of Judges of Supreme Court—(1) There shall be paid to the Judges of the Supreme Court out of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, salaries at the following rates, that is to say: To the 40

Chief Justice of New Zealand, at the rate of three thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds a year, and to each of the other Judges, at the rate of three thousand two hundred and fifty pounds a year.

5 (2) Section seven of the Finance Act 1954 is hereby repealed.

(3) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the *first* day of *April*, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Land Valuation Court

10 **35. Sections to be read with Land Valuation Court Act 1948**—(1) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Land Valuation Court Act 1948 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

15 (2) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be deemed to have come into force on the *first* day of *April*, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

36. Salary of Judge of Land Valuation Court—(1) Section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one (as amended by section nine of the Finance Act 1954), and substituting the following subsection:

20 “(1) There shall be payable to the Judge of the Court out of the Consolidated Fund, without further appropriation than this section, a salary at the rate of two thousand seven hundred
25 and fifty pounds a year, together with such travelling allowances as shall be fixed from time to time by Order in Council:

30 “Provided that, while the person holding office as the Judge of the Court at the commencement of this subsection continues to hold that office, his salary shall be at the rate of three thousand two hundred and fifty pounds a year.”

(2) Section nine of the Finance Act 1954 is hereby repealed.

Linen Flax Corporation

35 **37. Sections to be read with Linen Flax Corporation Act 1945**—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Linen Flax Corporation Act 1945 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

38. Directors of the Corporation—(1) Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsections two
40 and three, and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) The Corporation shall consist of five directors, to be appointed from time to time by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.”

(2) Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsections two and three, and substituting the following subsection: 5

“(2) If any director dies, resigns, or is removed from office, his office shall become vacant, and the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister, may appoint a director to fill the vacancy.” 10

(3) The principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By omitting from subsection four of section five the words “eight directors”, and substituting the words “five directors”:

(b) By omitting from subsection three of section seven, and also from subsection four of the same section, the words “four directors”, and substituting in each case the words “three directors”. 15

Local Elections and Polls

39. Sections to be read with Local Elections and Polls Act 1953—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Local Elections and Polls Act 1953 (in that section referred to as the principal Act). 20

40. Repealing special provisions as to voting rights of persons residing in certain areas adjoining the City of Auckland—Section ninety-one of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 25

Magistrates' Courts

41. Sections to be read with Magistrates' Courts Act 1947— (1) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1947 (in that section referred to as the principal Act). 30

(2) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be deemed to have come into force on the *first day of April*, nineteen hundred and fifty-six. 35

42. Salaries of Magistrates—(1) Section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one (as substituted by section twelve of the Finance Act 1954), and substituting the following subsection: 40

“(1) Every Magistrate shall be paid a salary at the rate of two thousand two hundred pounds a year.”

(2) Section twelve of the Finance Act 1954 is hereby repealed.

5 *Medical Research Council*

43. Sections to be read with Medical Research Council Act 1950—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Medical Research Council Act 1950 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).
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44. Financial year of Council—(1) Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of the term “financial year” the word “March”, and substituting the word “December”.

15 (2) References in the principal Act to the financial year of the Council shall, in relation to the financial year that is current at the date of the passing of this Act, be deemed to be references to the period of nine months ending with the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

20 *Municipal Association*

45. Sections to form part of Municipal Association Act 1939—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Municipal Association Act 1939 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

25 **46. Allowance to President**—(1) Section seven of the principal Act (as amended by section twenty-two of the Statutes Amendment Act 1943) is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection two the words “two hundred pounds”, and substituting the words “four hundred pounds”.

30 (2) Section twenty-two of the Statutes Amendment Act 1943 is hereby repealed.

Municipal Corporations

35 **47. Sections to be read with Municipal Corporations Act 1954**—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act).

48. Alteration of width of streets—Section one hundred and seventy of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (e) of subsection four, and substituting the following paragraph:

“(e) To increase or diminish the width of any street, save that, except as specially provided by this Act or any other Act, or unless the consent of the Governor-General in Council is first obtained, the width shall in no case be diminished to less than sixty-six feet:”.

49. Advances by Council to land owners to meet emergency expenditure—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section three hundred and sixty-nine, the following section:

“369A. (1) Upon the application of the owner of any land in the district, and with the consent in writing of all persons having any registered interest in the land, the Council may advance to the owner the whole or any part of the money required to remedy conditions that have arisen in relation to the land by reason of flood, storm, landslip, earthquake, fire, or other accident.

“(2) Any such advance may be made out of money borrowed for the purpose or out of any money available for the purpose.

“(3) The Council and the owner may agree that the amount of any such advance shall be repayable in one sum at a fixed time, with interest at a rate to be fixed by the Council at the time when the advance is made, or by instalments extending over a number of years, with interest at a rate fixed as aforesaid. The agreement may contain any incidental provisions, and may provide for the earlier payment of instalments, or any of them, on terms to be mentioned in the agreement:

“Provided that where an agreement makes no provision as aforesaid for the early payment of instalments, the Council shall accept the whole of the unpaid instalments at any time when the same is tendered, and for the purpose of any such tender interest shall be calculated and paid only up to and including the day of the tender.

“(4) The agreement may, where the money is repayable in one amount, contain provisions for securing the repayment thereof, and where the money is repayable by instalments each such instalment shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be a rate, subject nevertheless to the following conditions:

“(a) The owner for the time being of the land in question shall in all cases be deemed to be the person primarily liable for payment:

5 “(b) A separate rate book shall be kept by the Collector of Rates to the Council in which particulars of the instalments (distinguishing capital and interest) and of the lands in respect whereof they are payable, and of the dates for payment thereof, and all the names of persons paying the same shall be entered; and that book shall be *prima facie* evidence
10 of the correctness of its contents.

“(5) The capital money advanced by the Council under this section may, when repaid, be advanced to other owners for the purposes aforesaid, and, subject thereto, all such capital
15 money shall be applied in or towards the repayment of the money referred to in subsection *two* of this section, either by payment into the sinking fund in addition to the annual sinking fund payments required, if any, or in any such other manner as the Council, with the sanction of the Audit Office,
20 determines.

“(6) Interest money on any such advances shall be applied in or towards payment of the interest or other annual charges in respect of the money referred to in subsection *two* of this section.

25 “(7) All money payable to the Council by the owner of any land in respect of any advances made under this section shall be a charge on that land.

“(8) On being satisfied after full inquiry that undue hardship would be caused if the owner had to pay in full any
30 amount due under this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit, remit the payment of any interest by the owner, either wholly or partly or for any period or periods, and may also, if it thinks fit, remit the payment of any part of the capital money.

35 “(9) Where the Council is satisfied that the owner of any land in the district cannot by reason of his financial position be adequately assisted under the foregoing provisions of this section, the Council may expend any money borrowed for the purpose of any emergency referred to in subsection *one* of this
40 section, or any other available money, for the purpose of enabling or assisting the owner to remedy conditions that have arisen in relation to the land by reason of any of the causes specified in subsection *one* of this section.”

National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum

50. Sections to be read with National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum Act 1930—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum Act 1930. 5

51. Additional member of Board of Trustees—Section two of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum Amendment Act 1936 is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (f) of subsection one the word “Eleven”, and substituting the word “Twelve”: 10
- (b) By omitting from subparagraph (v) of the same paragraph the word “and” at the end of that subparagraph: 15
- (c) By adding to the same paragraph the following subparagraph: 15
 - “(vii) One shall be nominated by the New Zealand Returned Services’ Association Incorporated.” 20

National Parks

52. Sections to be read with National Parks Act 1952—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the National Parks Act 1952 (in that section referred to as the principal Act). 25

53. Membership of National Park Boards—(1) Section sixteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (e) the words “the Ski Council of the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand Incorporated”, and substituting the words “the New Zealand Ski Association Incorporated”. 30

(2) Section eighteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three the words “the Ski Council of that body”, and substituting the words “the New Zealand Ski Association Incorporated”. 35

National Provident Fund

54. Sections to be read with National Provident Fund Act 1950—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the National Provident Fund Act 1950 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act). 40

55. Money at credit of account of local authority may be paid into Fund—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section three B (as inserted by section three of the National Provident Fund Amendment Act 1955), the following section:

“3c. Any local authority, in any case where it deems it advisable that any sum of money at credit of any account should be placed on deposit at interest, may, instead of placing that money on deposit, pay that money to the National Provident Fund under an agreement that the Board will repay that money to the local authority as provided in the agreement (either in one sum or by instalments), and that the Board will pay to the local authority interest, at a rate to be specified in the agreement, on that money in respect of the period from the date of its payment to the Fund to the date of its repayment to the local authority.”

56. Sinking Fund Commissioners and Depreciation Fund Commissioners may invest in National Provident Fund—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section three c (as inserted by section *fifty-five* of this Act), the following section:

“3d. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Act or rule of law, it shall be lawful for Sinking Fund Commissioners or Depreciation Fund Commissioners of any local authority to pay to the National Provident Fund any money received by them as such Commissioners under an agreement that the Board will repay that money to the Commissioners as provided in the agreement (either in one sum or by instalments), and that the Board will pay to the Commissioners interest, at a rate to be specified in the agreement, on that money in respect of the period between the date of its payment to the Fund to the date of its repayment to the Commissioners.

“(2) The payment of any money to the Fund under this section shall, for the purposes of any enactment authorising or directing the investment of the money, be deemed to be an investment authorised or directed by that enactment.”

National Savings

57. Sections to be read with National Savings Act 1940—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the National Savings Act 1940 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

58. Payments without probate—Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words “together with any amount standing to his credit in the Post Office Savings-bank or in any authorised savings-bank”.

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New Zealand Counties Association

59. Sections to be read with New Zealand Counties Association Act 1949—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the New Zealand Counties Association Act 1949 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

60. Allowance to President—(1) Section eight of the principal Act (as amended by section twenty-two of the Finance Act (No. 2) 1952) is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection two the words “two hundred and fifty pounds”, and substituting the words “four hundred pounds”.

(2) Section twenty-two of the Finance Act (No. 2) 1952 is hereby repealed.

Patriotic and Canteen Funds

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61. Sections to be read with Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act 1947—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Act 1947 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

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62. Meaning of “serviceman” extended—(1) Section two of the principal Act (as amended by section five of the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Amendment Act 1949) is hereby further amended by repealing the definition of the term “serviceman”, and substituting the following definition:

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“‘Serviceman’ means a serviceman within the meaning of Part I of the Rehabilitation Act 1941; and includes—

“(a) Any person who, by reason of service rendered while he was ordinarily resident outside New Zealand, would have been such a serviceman if he had then been ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

“(b) Any person who, by reason of service rendered (while he was ordinarily resident in New Zealand or elsewhere) in any war before the Second

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World War in which His Majesty was engaged, would have been such a serviceman if that service had been rendered during the Second World War and if he had then been ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

“(c) Any person who, by reason of service rendered (while he was ordinarily resident in New Zealand or elsewhere) as a member of the naval, military, or air forces of New Zealand or any other part of the Commonwealth during any emergency, whether arising out of the obligations undertaken by New Zealand or that other part of the Commonwealth in the Charter of the United Nations or otherwise, would have been such a serviceman if that service had been rendered during the Second World War and if he had then been ordinarily resident in New Zealand:”.

(2) Section five of the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Amendment Act 1949 is hereby repealed.

Public Revenues

63. Sections to be read with Public Revenues Act 1953—

This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Public Revenues Act 1953 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act).

64. Salary of Controller and Auditor-General—(1) Section fifteen of the principal Act (as amended by section fourteen of the Finance Act 1954) is hereby further amended by omitting the words “two thousand two hundred pounds”, and substituting the words “two thousand six hundred pounds”.

(2) Section fourteen of the Finance Act 1954 is hereby repealed.

(3) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the *first* day of *April*, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

65. Writing off irrecoverable losses—(1) Section one hundred and sixteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the proviso to subsection one the words “or to any normal and unavoidable losses of stores”.

(2) Section one hundred and sixteen of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection two, and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) If any dispute arises as to what constitutes a normal and unavoidable loss in respect of any stores or class of stores for the purposes of this section, the decision of the Minister shall be binding on all parties.”

Public Trust Office

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66. Sections to be read with Public Trust Office Act 1908— This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Public Trust Office Act 1908 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

67. Investment of Common Fund—Section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (g) (as inserted by subsection one of section five of the Public Trust Office Amendment Act 1951), the following paragraph:

“(h) Without limiting the powers of investment conferred on the Public Trustee by the foregoing provisions of this section or by any other enactment, in debentures or stock issued under any general or special statutory authority by any local authority within the meaning of the Local Government Loans Board Act 1926 (whether by virtue of section two of that Act or of any Order in Council thereunder or by virtue of any other Act), provided the Governor-General has previously, by Order in Council, declared, either generally or in relation to any specified loan, that debentures or stock issued or to be issued by that local authority are securities in which that money may be invested:”.

Rural Housing

68. Sections to be read with Rural Housing Act 1939— This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Rural Housing Act 1939 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

69. Advances by County Councils to farmers for erection of dwellings—(1) Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsections four, five, and six, and substituting the following subsections:

“(4) Every application for an advance shall be in the prescribed form, or in such other form as the Council may require, and shall be accompanied by plans and specifications of the proposed dwelling or repairs or additions. Every

such application shall, if the Council so requires, be verified as to the facts contained therein by the statutory declaration of the farmer.

5 “(5) The Council shall obtain a valuation of the proposed dwelling either from the Valuer-General or any other person who is, in the opinion of the Council, qualified to make it. The Council shall require that the plans and specifications for the dwelling be approved by the valuer or other qualified person appointed by the Council for the purpose. The plans and specifications shall comply with the New Zealand Standard Model Building Bylaw as declared for the time being under the Standards Act 1941, or such other requirements as are for the time being prescribed in that behalf. The valuation shall contain a report on the necessity for the dwelling and the ability of the farmer to meet the charges in connection therewith. The Council may require the farmer to meet the cost of obtaining the valuation.

“ (6) No advance shall be granted by the Council in excess of the valuation obtained under subsection *five* of this section.”

20 (2) Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection eight the words “calculated according to a prescribed table”.

Shipping and Seamen

70. Sections to be read with Shipping and Seamen Act 1952—This section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

71. Delegation of Minister’s powers—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section nine, the following section:

30 “9A. (1) The Minister may from time to time, by writing under his hand, delegate to the Secretary for Marine or to any other officer or officers of the Department any of his powers under this Act or under any regulations made under this Act.

35 “(2) The officer or officers referred to in subsection one of this section may be an officer or officers referred to by name, or the officer or officers who for the time being hold any specified position or positions in the Department.

40 “(3) Subject to any general or special conditions attached by the Minister, the person to whom any powers are delegated under this section may exercise those powers in the same manner and with the same effect as if they had been conferred on him directly by this section and not by delegation.

“(4) Every person purporting to act pursuant to any delegation under this section shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be presumed to be acting in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

“(5) Every delegation under this section shall be revocable in writing at will, and no such delegation shall prevent the exercise of any power by the Minister. 5

“(6) Every delegation made under this section shall, until it is revoked, continue in force according to its tenor, notwithstanding that the Minister may have ceased to hold office, and shall continue to have effect as if made by his successor in office. 10

“(7) Where under this section the Minister delegates to the Secretary for Marine or to any other officer of the Department any power which the Minister is authorised to exercise by notice in the *Gazette*, the Secretary for Marine or, as the case may be, that other officer shall exercise that power by notice in the *Gazette*. 15

“(8) Every reference to the Minister in any Act, regulation, order, application, notice, licence, or document whatsoever shall, in relation to any power that the Minister has delegated to the Secretary for Marine or to any other officer of the Department under this section, be read as a reference to the Secretary for Marine or to that other officer, as the case may be.” 20 25

Social Security

72. Sections to be read with Social Security Act 1938—This section and the *next two succeeding* sections shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1938 (in those sections referred to as the principal Act). 30

73. Reducing penalty on late payment of charge deducted by employers—(1) Section one hundred and nineteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection three the following proviso:

“Provided that, where within three months after the payment by him of the salary, wages, or other income, he pays the charge or part thereof in the prescribed manner, half of the penalty imposed on the amount so paid shall be remitted.” 35

(2) This section shall apply with respect to the charge that becomes due and payable during the year commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and during every subsequent year. 40

74. Reducing penalty on late payment of charge on income other than salary or wages—(1) Section one hundred and twenty of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection three the following proviso:

5 “Provided that, where the instalment or part thereof is paid within three months after the due date thereof, half of the penalty imposed on the amount so paid shall be remitted.”

(2) This section—

10 (a) In the case of all companies, shall apply with respect to the charge on income derived during the year that ended on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and during every subsequent year:

15 (b) In all other cases, shall apply with respect to the charge on income derived during the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and during every subsequent year.

Stamp Duties

20 **75. Sections to be read with Stamp Duties Act 1954—**This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Stamp Duties Act 1954 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

25 **76. Exemption from stamp duty of agreements for sale of goods—**Section one hundred and forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection four the following paragraph:

30 “(i) Any agreement made for or relating to the sale of goods, wares, or merchandise (not being a hire purchase agreement within the meaning of the Hire Purchase Agreements Act 1939).”

Standard Time

35 **77. Sections to be read with Standard Time Act 1945—**(1) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the Standard Time Act 1945 (in that section referred to as the principal Act).

(2) This section and the *next succeeding* section shall come into force on the *first* day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

78. Standard time in the Chatham Islands—(1) Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection:

“(1A) The time for general purposes in the Chatham Islands shall be forty-five minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time as defined in this Act.” 5

(2) Section three of the principal Act is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) By inserting in subsection one, before the words “The time”, the words “Except as provided in subsection one A of this section,”: 10

(b) By adding to subsection two the words “or, in relation to the Chatham Islands, forty-five minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time as defined in this Act”. 15

State Supply of Electrical Energy

79. Sections to be read with State Supply of Electrical Energy Act 1917—This section and the *next succeeding* section shall be read together with and deemed part of the State Supply of Electrical Energy Act 1917 (in that section referred to as the principal Act). 20

80. Minister may exercise powers under Part XIII of Public Works Act 1928 in connection with generation of electricity by means other than water power or geothermal energy—Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection: 25

“(3) In acquiring, constructing, maintaining, and working any scheme under this section which involves the generation of electrical energy by any means other than water power or geothermal energy, the Minister shall have and may exercise without any authority other than this Act all or any of the powers which are or may be conferred on him by or under Part XIII of the Public Works Act 1928 and which relate to the utilisation of water power for the generation of electrical energy and the transmission, use, supply, and sale of electrical energy when so generated.” 30 35

Trustee Savings Banks

81. Sections to be read with Trustee Savings Banks Act 1948—This section and the *next succeeding section* shall be read together with and deemed part of the Trustee Savings Banks Act 1948 (in that section referred to as the principal Act). 40

82. Increasing limit of interest bearing deposits—

(1) Section twenty-two of the principal Act (as amended by section five of the Finance Act 1955) is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection two the words “seven
5 hundred and fifty pounds”, and substituting the words “one thousand pounds”.

(2) Section five of the Finance Act 1955 is hereby repealed.