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# South Islands Native High School.

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## A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Establishment of a High School for the Instruction of Native and Half-caste Children in the South Islands of New Zealand. Title.

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish, in connection with the Native Village Schools now existing in the Middle and Southern Islands, a school for secondary education: Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The South Islands Native High School Act, 1879.” Short Title.

2. A Board of Governors, to be composed and appointed as hereinafter provided, shall be and is hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the South Islands Native High School Board (hereinafter called “the Board”), by which name such body corporate shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may hold lands, and may sue and be sued, and may do and suffer all such things as corporate bodies may do and suffer. Board constituted.

3. The said Board shall consist of seven persons, to be appointed by the Governor, and of the said Board at least three members shall always be either aboriginal natives of New Zealand, or half-caste descendants of aboriginal natives. Constitution of Board.

4. No member of such Board shall hold office for a longer term than three years. Term of office.

Vacancies.

In the event of any vacancy or vacancies occurring by reason of the death, resignation, or otherwise of the members of the said Board, such vacancy or vacancies may forthwith be filled up by the nomination of a new member or members, as the case may be, by the Governor. 5

School to be established and maintained.

5. As soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, the Board shall establish and maintain a school under this Act at Taumamutu, to be called the South Islands Native High School.

Board to control and manage school.

6. The Board shall have the whole control and management of the said school, and shall have full power to appoint and dismiss all 10 masters, teachers, and other officers and servants for the management of the said school, and also the entire management and superintendence over all the affairs, concerns, and property thereof.

Lands may be set apart as endowment.

7. Out of any waste lands within the Southern Islands of New Zealand it shall be lawful for the Governor to set apart any block or 15 blocks of land, not exceeding in the whole the value of *five* thousand pounds, as an endowment for the said school.

Endowment to be managed by Board.

8. The Board shall have power to manage and deal with all lands that may be vested in them by virtue of this Act for the purposes of an endowment in such manner as they may see fit, and from time to 20 time may let the same or any part thereof for any term not exceeding twenty-one years from the time when such lease shall be made, at such rent and on such terms and conditions as they shall think fit.

Leases to be put up to public auction.

Every such lease shall be put up to public competition by auction, or tender, of which one month's previous notice shall have been given 25 by public advertisement in some newspaper circulating in the district in which the land about to be leased shall be situated; but no fine, premium, or foregift shall be taken by the Board in respect of any such lease.

Real estate and moneys how to be held and applied.

9. All real estate which may be purchased by, or granted, devised, 30 bequeathed, or given to the Board for the benefit of the said school, without any trust of a different nature being expressed, and also all moneys which may from time to time be appropriated by Parliament towards the maintenance of the said school, shall be held and applied by the Board for the general purposes of this Act. 35

Application of annual revenue.

10. The rents, profits, and annual income of all real and personal estate which may be vested in the Board, together with all funds which may from time to time be derived from fees or payments made in respect of scholars or students attending the said school, or which shall have been appropriated by vote of Parliament as above mentioned, 40 shall be applied by the Board for the maintenance of the said school, and the payment of all salaries and expenses connected therewith, and for prizes, exhibitions, and scholarships for the students therein.

Moneys may be invested.

11. With respect to any moneys bequeathed or given to the Board for the said school, or being rents, profits, or annual income, or 45 moneys appropriated by Parliament as before mentioned, the Board shall have power to invest the same in the purchase or upon mortgage of freehold lands in New Zealand, or upon the stocks, bills, bonds, or debentures of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand, or of any Municipal Corporation established within the colony, and from 50 time to time to vary any such investment.

Expenditure may be incurred in erecting buildings.

12. The Board may, out of any moneys which shall come into their hands by virtue of this Act or otherwise for the benefit of the said school, expend any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of *three thousand* pounds, in erecting suitable buildings and premises 55 for the use of the said school.

School to be open to inspection.

13. The said school shall at all times be open to inspection by an Inspector appointed under "The Education Act, 1877."