New Parliament.

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the House of Representatives, and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 10st December, 1879.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title.

Mr. Ballance.

Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Lands Act 1874 Amendment.

ANALYSIS.

 Further grant of land to New Zealand Titanic Steel and Iron Company (Limited).
Subject to provisions of said Act. Schedules.

A BILL INTITULED

Act to amend "The Taranaki Iron Smelting Title. $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{N}}$ Works Lands Act, 1874."

THEREAS by "The Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Lands Act, Preamble. 1874" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") it is recited that " By resolutions of the Provincial Council of the Province of Taranaki, " passed on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and 5" seventy-four, it was resolved 'That this Council approves of "The " 'New Zealand Titanic Steel and Iron Company (Limited)" being " 'allowed to select three thousand acres of land in the Moa Block, " 'adjoining the two thousand acres already selected in the Tarurutangi " 'Block, after the General and Provincial Governments have made the 10 " 'necessary reserves :' " And whereas by section two of the said Act it is enacted that "Within one month after the passing of the Act " (now in recital) it shall be lawful for "The New Zealand Titanic Steel " and Iron Company (Limited)" (hereinafter called "the Company") " to select out of the block of waste land in the Province of Taranaki 15 "known as "the Moa Block" a parcel of land not exceeding in the " case of the Company an area of three thousand acres, and such block " shall be selected in one parcel and not in several parcels, and shall be " of such shape and with such frontages as shall be approved of by the "Superintendent of the said province. The said area of three 20 " thousand acres to be selected by the Company shall be in addition to "the area of two thousand acres already selected by them in the "Tarurutangi Block; and such last-mentioned land shall for all " purposes be deemed to have been selected under the Act (now in " recital) and subject to the provisions thereof:" And whereas by 25 section three of the said Act it is enacted that "Such selection as " aforesaid may be made by any person duly authorized on behalf of "the Company; and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the " law for the time being in force in the said province for the sale and " disposal of waste lands of the Crown, the Company shall pay to the 30 "Provincial Treasurer of the said province for such land at the rate of " five shillings per acre, and such money shall be paid before the Crown " grants for the land selected shall be made, as hereinafter provided. "The moneys so paid to the Provincial Treasurer shall not for any " purpose be deemed to be Land Revenue of the province, and shall not No. 117-2.

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" be subject to or affected by the provisions of 'The Public Debt "Apportionment Act, 1858:" And whereas by section six of the said Act it is enacted that "Upon the completion of the said furnace or " furnaces as aforesaid, and upon the certificate in writing of the Super-" intendent that the provisions of this Act have been fully complied 5 " with in respect of the lands hereby authorized to be selected as afore-" said, it shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name and on behalf of "Her Majesty the Queen, to issue grants of the lands selected by the " Company under the provisions of this Act:" And whereas the two thousand acres which by the said Act it is declared had then been 10 selected out of the Tarurutangi Block was a selection made prior to the boundaries of the said block being correctly defined and determined by survey, and it has since been ascertained by survey of the said block that one thousand acres only, being the piece of land described in the *First* Schedule hereto, is capable of being granted out of the said 15 Tarurutangi Block: And whereas the said Company by and with the approval of the Superintendent of the late Province of Taranaki did select three thousand acres in the said Moa Block: And whereas, so soon as it was ascertained by survey that not more than one thousand acres could be selected out of the said Tarurutangi Block, the said 20 Superintendent, in order to make up the requisite quantity of five thousand acres intended to be granted to the said Company under the provisions of the said Act, did select out of the said Moa Block a further quantity of one thousand acres, the said three thousand acres and one thousand acres so selected out of the said Moa Block together 25 comprising the piece of land described in the Second Schedule hereto: And whereas the said Company has paid for the said five thousand acres at the rate and in the manner as in the third section of the said Act is provided: And whereas the said Company has obtained the certificate mentioned in the sixth section of the said Act: And 30 whereas, in consequence of the said Tarurutangi Block not containing the two thousand acres to be selected thereout and thereby rendering it necessary to select four thousand acres out of the Moa Block, doubts have been raised whether the Governor can under the authority of the said Act grant to the said Company the land so selected as aforesaid, 35 and it is expedient and necessary, to set such doubts at rest, to authorize the Governor to issue to the said Company a Crown grant for the pieces of land described in the First and Second Schedules hereto :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 40 as follows :---

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Taranaki Iron Smelting Works Lands Act 1874 Amendment Act, 1879."

2. The Governor may issue to "The New Zealand Titanic Steel and Iron Company (Limited)" a grant or grants for the pieces or 45 parcels of land described in the *First* and *Second* Schedules hereto for an estate in fee-simple in possession, free from incumbrances.

3. The grant or grants to be so issued shall be deemed and taken to be issued under the authority and in fulfilment of the provisions of the said Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of the said Act 50 as amended by this Act.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land, containing one thousand (1000) acres, more or less situate in and being the Section numbered one hundred and thirty-two (132) on the plan of the Tarurutangi District, in the Provincial District of Taranaki. Bounded as follows: commencing at the north-western corner of the said section, at the point of intersection of the Mangaoraka River with the Bedford Road there; bounded thence towards the West by the Mangaoraka River; thence towards the South-west by waste

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land, one thousand six hundred and seventeen links; thence towards the South-east by the Waiongona River; thence towards the North-north-east by the said Bedford Road; and thence towards the North by the said Bedford Road, ten thousand four hundred and seventy links, to the point of commencement.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing four thousand (4,000) acres, more or less, situate in and being the Section numbered one hundred and eighty-four (184) on the plan of the Moa District, in the Provincial District of Taranaki. Bounded as follows: commencing at the north-western corner of the said section at the point of intersection of the Waiongona River with the Bedford Road there; bounded thence towards the North-west by the said Waiongona River; thence towards the South-west by the Cambridge Road, fifteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-three links; thence towards the South-east by the Durham Road, sixteen thousand and fifteen links; thence towards the North-east by the Bedford Road, twenty-one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one links; and thence towards the North-north-east by the said Bedford Road to the point of commencement.

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