

WELLINGTON AND FOXTON RAILWAY.

ANALYSIS.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Government to grant certain Land and Privileges to any Person or Company willing to construct a Railway between the City of Wellington and Porirua or Foxton.

WHEREAS the General Government of the colony has surveyed a line of road from the City of Wellington to Paikakariki, through the District of Porirua, as part and for the purposes of a railway from the said city to Foxton, and have taken possession of certain land, and acquired certain rights over other land, and otherwise for the purposes of such railway: And whereas the Government do not intend proceeding with the construction of such railway at present:

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 Wellington and Foxton Railway Act, 1880.”

2. The Governor in Council may grant, convey, and assure to any Company willing to construct a railway from the City of Wellington to Foxton, or to the crossing to Paramatta, in Porirua Harbour, along the line of road so surveyed as aforesaid, all such land as has along the line of road so surveyed been taken possession of or otherwise acquired by the Government for the purposes of such railway; and also to grant to such Company all such powers and privileges as the Government now possess and have a right to exercise for the purposes of the construction of such railway; and such Company is hereby authorized to take possession of such land, and exercise all such powers and privileges with regard to the construction of a railway thereon, as the Government might have exercised had this Act not been passed, subject however to all such claims for compensation to the owners of any land over or through which the railway may be taken as the Government are liable to.

3. The Governor in Council may also grant to such Company all such pieces of land in the Harbour of Porirua as lie between high- and low-water mark, and also a piece of land in the Harbour of Port Nicholson, between a point opposite Town Section number _____, of the City of Wellington, and Kaiwarawara, or elsewhere, as may be determined; and subject to such conditions, with regard to retaining walls and otherwise, as may be arranged between the Governor and such Company.

4. The Governor may also deliver to such Company all such rolling-stock, rails, bridge, plant, and other material as have been purchased for the purposes of the railway from Wellington to Foxton out of any vote heretofore granted by Parliament for that purpose.

5. The Company shall be guaranteed interest on the cost of the railway to be made by them not exceeding _____ pounds per centum per annum, which shall be charged on the consolidated revenue of the colony, and be paid from time to time by the Colonial Treasurer upon the application of the Company, and upon proof to the satisfaction of the Colonial Treasurer.

6. The Company shall act under and be subject to the provisions of “The District Railways Act, 1877,” excepting sections four to twenty, both inclusive, referring to authority to construct railways, and sections seventy-five to eighty-four, both inclusive, referring to guarantee of interest on cost, except so far as such provisions contained in the same Act may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.