

Hon. Mr. Mills.

WAIRAU HARBOUR BOARD.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to constitute a Harbour Board for the Harbour of Wairau (Marlborough). Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907. Short Title.
2. This Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of the Harbours Act, 1878, which Act and all Acts amending the same shall be incorporated with this Act. Special Act.
3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
 - “ Board ” means the Harbour Board constituted under this Act :
 - “ Harbour ” means the port and harbour of Wairau :
 - “ Harbour district ” means the Wairau Harbour District :
 - “ The said Act ” means the Harbours Act, 1878, and all Acts amending the same.
4. (1.) A Harbour Board is hereby constituted under the said Act for the Harbour of Wairau, and such Board shall consist of nine members, of whom four shall form a quorum ; and such members shall be appointed and elected as follows :— Harbour Board constituted.
 - (a.) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor :
 - (b.) ~~The Mayor for the time being of Blenheim :~~
 - (c.) ~~Two~~ three members shall be elected by the ratepayers electors of the Borough of Blenheim :
 - (d.) Two members shall be elected by the ratepayers electors of the Omaka Road District :
 - (e.) One member shall be elected by all persons who in the year preceding the day of election have paid a sum of not less than ~~ten~~ three pounds as harbour dues, port, harbour, pilotage, or wharfage rates, dues, or charges levied at or in respect of the harbour.

New subclause.

(2.) At any such election each voter shall have one vote and no more.

Election of
members of Board.

5. The first elective members of the Board shall be elected on a day to be fixed by the Governor, and shall hold office until the second Monday in February, nineteen hundred and *ten*, on which day their successors shall be elected; and thereafter an election of members shall be held on the second Monday in February in every alternate year. 5

Returning Officer.

6. (1.) The Governor may, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint a Returning Officer and polling-places for the purpose of the first election of members under this Act, and a day for such election, and may make such further provision for the same purpose as he deems necessary. 10

(2.) ~~Elections for membership~~ *Elective members* of the Board shall be ~~conducted~~ *elected* under the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1904. 15

Endowments.

7. The Board is hereby endowed with all wharfage, pilotage, dues, rates, and port charges in the Harbour of Wairau.

Power to borrow.

8. (1.) The Board shall have power from time to time to borrow, ~~on the security of its endowments~~, subject to the provisions of the said Act, any sum not exceeding five thousand pounds for the construction or completion of harbour-works in or towards the improvement of the said harbour; *but no money shall be borrowed under the authority of this Act which shall produce to the lender a higher rate of interest than five pounds per centum per annum.* 20

(2.) Such moneys shall be raised in the manner prescribed by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901, and the provisions of that Act shall apply as if the Board were a local authority and the said works were public works within the meaning of Part I of that Act. 25

~~Provided that~~ (3.) At any poll taken on a proposal to raise any such money every ratepayer of the harbour district shall be entitled to one vote and no more. 30

Wairau Harbour
District.

9. The Wairau Harbour District shall comprise ~~all the area described in the Second Schedule hereto~~ *the Borough of Blenheim and the Omaka Road District.* 35

Struck out.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ENDOWMENTS.

UPPER Lagoon, Chandler's Lagoon, Big Lagoon, and adjoining unoccupied Crown Lands; Lake Grassmere; Boulder-bank (Sections 1 and 2, Blocks I and III, Clifford Bay Survey District); Pilot Reserve (Section 1, Block XVII, Cloudy Bay Survey District); Pastoral Run No. 20; part Section 71, Omaka (comprising part Section 10 and Sections 12, 13, 14, and 15 on the subdivisional plan of said Section 71).

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Marlborough Land District comprised in the Borough of Blenheim and the Omaka Road District.