Hon. Mr. Mills.

WAIRAU HARBOUR BOARD.

[LOCAL BILL.]

A BILL INTITULED

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

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand
5 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 Special Act.
meaning of the Harbours Act, 1878, which Act and all Acts
10 amending the same shall be incorporated with this 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 :
15   " 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 Harbour Board
Act for the Harbour of Wairau, and such Board shall consist of nine constituted.
20 members, of whom four shall form a quorum ; and such members
shall be appointed and elected as follows :—
      (*a.*) Three members shall be appointed by the Governor :
      (*b.*) Three members shall be elected by the electors of the
            Borough of Blenheim :
25   (*c.*) Two members shall be elected by the electors of the Omaka
            Road District :
      (*d.*) 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 three pounds as harbour dues, port, harbour, pilotage,
30   or wharfage rates, dues, or charges levied at or in respect
            of the harbour.

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

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 5 successors shall be elected; and thereafter an election of members shall be held on the second Monday in February in every alternate year.

Election of members of Board.

6. (1.) The Governor may, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint a Returning Officer and polling-places for the purpose of the first 10 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.

Returning Officer.

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

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

Endowments.

8. (1.) The Board shall have power from time to time to borrow, subject to the provisions of the said Act, any sum not exceeding five thousand pounds for the construction or completion of harbour-works 20 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.

Power to borrow.

(2.) Such moneys shall be raised in the manner prescribed by 25 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.

(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 30 and no more.

9. The Wairau Harbour District shall comprise the Borough of Blenheim and the Omaka Road District.

Wairau Harbour District.