

Hon. Mr. Ballance.

WANGANUI HARBOUR BOARD RATING.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Wanganui Harbour Board to levy a Rate. Title.

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

- 5 **1.** The Short Title of this Act is "The Wanganui Harbour Board Rating Act, 1884." Short Title.
- 2.** The Wanganui Harbour Board District, for the purpose of this Act, consists of the Borough of Wanganui and the Counties of Wanganui and Waitotara. District defined.
- 10 **3.** The Wanganui Harbour Board may, at their own discretion, levy a rate or rates over the Wanganui Harbour Board District, not exceeding altogether in any one year the amount of one farthing in the pound on the rateable value of all rateable property in the said district, for the purpose of borrowing sufficient money to carry out 15 harbour improvements or raising loans for that purpose. Power to levy rate.
- 4.** For the purpose of arriving at the rateable value of all lands and tenements in the Wanganui Harbour Board District, the valuation rolls for the time being in force for the Borough of Wanganui and the Counties of Wanganui and Waitotara respectively shall be 20 taken as conclusive evidence of the value of the properties in the said district. Valuation rolls to be taken as proof of rateable value.

Rate to be levied by resolution of Board, and to be advertised.	5. Such rate or rates shall be levied by a resolution of the said Board, and notice thereof shall be advertised in at least one of the newspapers published in the said district for fourteen days before the same shall become payable, and may then be recovered summarily, at the suit of any collector appointed by the said Board, in the same way as a general rate duly levied might be recovered by the respective Corporations of the Borough of Wanganui and the Counties of Wanganui and Waitotara.	5
Recovery of rates.		
Majority of rate-payers may veto levying of rate.	6. Provided always, and it is hereby expressly declared, that if, within six months from the time at which the Governor shall have given his assent to this Act, a majority of the ratepayers of the said district shall declare, by vote as hereafter provided for, that no such rate shall be levied, then the rating powers hereby conferred shall become inoperative.	10
Manner of calling for and holding poll.	7. If any twelve ratepayers in the said district shall, in writing addressed to the Chairman of the said Board, request that a poll shall be held of the ratepayers in the said district to decide whether such rate shall be levied or leviable, or not, and shall give such notice within the period of six months from the time at which the Governor shall have given his assent to this Act, the said Chairman shall, within fourteen days of the receipt of such notice, cause a poll to be held under the provisions of "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," for the purpose of taking the views of the ratepayers of the said district on the subject, and shall appoint such Returning Officer, with a deputy or deputies if necessary, and such polling-place or polling-places, as he may think necessary, and shall cause the result of the election to be signified to the Governor immediately after the Returning Officer has declared the result of the poll. Every ratepayer shall be entitled to the number of votes allowed by "The Counties Act, 1876," and "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1876," provided that in no case shall he be allowed to give more than five votes on the question; and the statutory declaration made by the said Chairman that no such election has been called for, or that, if such election has been called for, the return has been in favour of the said rate, shall, when published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> , be conclusive evidence that no adverse vote to the said rate has been passed; and the said Board shall have power to levy and enforce the payment of such rate as aforesaid.	15 20 25 30 35
Result of election.		