- 51. The Financial Arrangements Act provides for the payment of subsidies to local bodies for the nine months ending the 31st March next at one-half the previous rate, and withdraws from County Councils the 20 per cent. of Land Fund payable to them since the year 1877.
- 52. The Public Revenues Act is a temporary Act declaring the duration of an annual Appropriation Act, and containing thereunder the appropriations thereof for a limited time.
- 53. The Permanent Officers Salaries Act authorizes a deduction to be made until 30th June next in salaries fixed by permanent Act, excepting the salaries of the Governor, the Judges, and officers of the Assembly.
- 54. The Public Works Act further amends the principal Act in certain details, and makes provision in relation to matters not regulated thereby.
- 55. The Immigration and Public Works Appropriation Act appropriates £2,828,589 13s. 9d. out of ways and means mentioned in the Act for immigration and the construction of public works during the year ending 31st March, 1881.
- 56. The Appropriation Act appropriates for the year ending 31st March, 1881, a total sum of £2,316,720 9s. 2d.

## The Reserved Act.

57. The Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Act validates marriages heretofore or hereafter to be made between any person and his deceased wife's sister, and legitimatizes the issue of such marriages. It also makes a special provision in relation to inheritance of property. This Act is reserved for Her Majesty's assent in accordance with the Royal instructions, the same being an Act of an important nature, possibly affecting the Royal prerogative, and the rights and property of persons not residing in the colony.

## The Local and Personal Acts.

- 1. The Taonui-Ahuaturanga Act, for the granting to the Native owners of a portion of land not intended to have been included by them in a certain cession to the Queen of land in the Manawatu
- 2. The Bluff Harbour Foreshore Leasing Act authorizes thirty years' leases of the foreshore for ship-building purposes or export and import warehouses.
- 3. The Port Molyneux Reserves Leasing Act defines the powers of leasing certain reserves of land.
- 4. The Sydenham Borough Council Empowering Act transfers to the Council the administration of certain lands adjoining to it, but forming part of the Town Belt of the City of Christchurch.
  5. The Public Health Act 1876 Amendment Act authorizes the Drainage Board of Christchurch to
- delegate the powers it holds as a Local Board of Health. 6. The Inch Clutha Act 1878 Amendment Act provides for an uniform rate on lands for protective
- river works within Inch Clutha.
- 7. The Thames Water Supply Transfer Act transfers to the Borough Council of the Thames all the plant of the waterworks for its supply of water.
- The Oamaru Waterworks Act 1875 Amendment Act authorizes a further loan of £10,000 for their completion.
- 9. The Invercargill Drill-shed Site Act provides for the grant of a site for a drill-shed for Militia and Volunteers, and for the management thereof. 10. The Otago Road Rates Validity Act provides that rates shall not be invalidated within districts not
- subdivided as required by law, by reason only of such non-subdivision.

  11. The Auckland College and Grammar School Act alters the constitution of the Board of Governors
- of the said establishment. 12. The Nelson Gas and Waterworks Sale Act 1877 Amendment Act is to declare that the said works and their extension shall be deemed to be works within the meaning of the Acts relating to Municipal Corporations.
- 13. The Christchurch District Drainage Act 1875 Amendment Act provides for the reconstitution of the Christchurch Drainage District and the Board of Management therein.
- 14. The Canterbury Rivers Act 1870 Amendment Act reconstitutes the South Waimakariri River District and the Board of Management thereof in accordance with the alterations made by the last previous Act.
- 15. The Wanganui Harbour and River Conservators Board Grant Act authorizes the issue of amended grants of land to the Harbour Board of Wanganui in lieu of previous grants authorized to the said Board.
- 16. The Jackson's Bay Settlement Act provides an exceptional administration of lands within a remote settlement on the West Coast of the Middle Island.
- 17. The Special Powers and Contracts Act authorizes the Governor to do all things necessary in certain cases for the satisfaction of equitable claims in the absence of a direct law permitting their adjustment.
- 18. The Taranaki Iron-Smelting Works Lands Act 1874 Amendment Act authorizes a grant of land to a certain company in fulfilment of engagements entered into with them.
- 19. The Caversham Boroughs Incorporation Act authorizes the merging of three boroughs into one, and regulates the conditions of such merger.
- 20. The Canterbury Roads Ordinance Amendment Act Extension Act is a technical measure applying a certain procedure in certain cases to other cases of a cognate nature.
- 21. The Wellington Harbour Board and Corporation Land Act authorizes the vesting of certain lands in Wellington Harbour in the Harbour Board and Municipal Corporation thereof respectively.
- 22. The Hokitika Harbour Board Loan Act authorizes the borrowing of £5,000 on a special rate for
- the completion of the Hokitika Harbour Works.

  23. The Otago Harbour Board Empowering Act authorizes a further loan of £100,000 for the construction of the Otago Harbour Works,