

and the county has since been divided into the Counties of Featherston and Wairarapa South. The necessary alterations have been made (section 65 of the Consolidation Act).

We found much difficulty in giving effect to section 2 of the Act of 1892. That section revives, in the case of certain Road Boards, certain repealed provisions of the Counties Act with respect to irrigation-works. For this purpose we have set out these provisions in the Third Schedule, and dealt with the matter as shown in section 75 of the Consolidation Act.

Section 4 of the Act of 1904 (Disposal of moneys by Featherston County Council) is dropped as spent.

In consolidating Part I of the Act of 1891 references to Water-supply Boards and districts are omitted as unnecessary. Section 60 of that Act makes all necessary provision (section 71 of the Consolidation Act).

The Water-supply Acts as a whole are very intricate and obscure, owing to the number of the amendments and their conflicting nature. It appears to us that many of these amendments, though expressed in general language, were intended for special cases. The task of consolidating them has consequently been exceedingly difficult. We suggest that the Legislature should have the new Act replaced by a comprehensive measure on simple and consistent lines.

#### WORKERS' DWELLINGS.

Subsection (2) of section 3 of the Act of 1905 has been transferred to the Land for Settlements Act—its proper place.

Section 25 of "The Appropriation Act, 1907," so far as applicable and permanent, is given effect to in subsection (2) of section 4 of the Consolidation Act.

Respectfully submitting the foregoing matters for Your Excellency's consideration,

We have the honour to be  
Your Excellency's obedient servants,

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