

A sinking fund, to be held by the Public Trustee, is established in connection with each branch of the Advances Office, and shall consist of an annual payment of 1 per cent. of the total capital moneys raised and outstanding for the purposes of the particular branch.

The other provisions of the Act are mainly a re-enactment with minor alterations of the provisions of the repealed Acts.

No. 32. The Public Service Classification and Superannuation Amendment Act, 1909: This Act makes several amendments in the schemes of superannuation for the Public Service and the Education Service, and merges the Police Provident Fund in the Public Service Superannuation Fund. In view of this merger the Government subsidy is increased by an annual payment of £3,000. Among other matters, provision is made that in certain cases retiring-allowances may be granted after thirty years' service if the contributor is not less than fifty-five years of age, or after thirty-five years' service irrespective of the age of the contributor. It is also provided that, notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, future contributors shall not in any case be entitled to a retiring-allowance exceeding £300 per annum. This latter amendment applies to the Public Service Superannuation Fund, the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, and the Government Railways Superannuation Fund.

No. 33. The Rotoiti Validation Act, 1909: This Act validates certain irregular procedure in the matter of taking certain specified land for the purposes of public works, and awards compensation for the land so taken.

No. 34. The Railway Authorisation Act, 1909: Authorising the construction of certain railways specified in the Schedule, and providing for the disposal of certain surplus lands now required for railway purposes.

No. 35. The Appropriation Act, 1909: An Act to appropriate and apply certain sums of money out of the Consolidated Fund, the Public Works Fund, and other accounts to the services of the year ending the 31st day of March, 1910, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this present session.

Reserved Act.

No. 36. The Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1909: Making various amendments of the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908.

Local and Personal Acts.

No. 1. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland Special Powers Act, 1909: This Act authorises the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland to sell, mortgage, exchange, and lease certain lands in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Auckland, as specified in the Schedule.

No. 2. The Ellesmere Domain Board Empowering Act, 1909: Authorising the Ellesmere Domain Board to purchase land for recreation purposes.

No. 3. The Wellington (City) Water-supply Loan-moneys Diversion Act, 1909: Authorising the Wellington City Council to apply the sum of £17,000, being part of a loan borrowed for water-supply purposes at Wainuionata, for other specified water-supply purposes.

No. 4. The Borough of South Dunedin Empowering Amendment Act, 1909: Providing that certain authorised works in the South Dunedin Ward of the City of Dunedin shall be a charge upon the City of Dunedin, and payable out of the General Fund of that city.

No. 5. The Waimairi County Act, 1909: Constituting the Waimairi County, and altering the boundaries of the Selwyn County accordingly.

No. 6. The Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Act, 1909: Amending the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Act, 1908.

No. 7. The Roman Catholic Archbishop Empowering Act, 1909: Authorising the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington to erect a boarding-school for girls in the City of Wellington, an orphanage for girls at Upper Hutt, and certain other schools and buildings in the Wellington Provincial District.

No. 8. The McLean Institute Act, 1909: Constituting the Board of Governors of the McLean Institute a body corporate under the title of the McLean Institute.

No. 9. The Tokomaru Freezing-works Site Act, 1909: Vesting certain Native land—namely, a portion of Tawhiti No. 1A and a portion of Tawhiti No. 1F Blocks respectively—in the Public Trustee, to be transferred to the Tokomaru Sheep-farmers' Freezing Company (Limited) as a site for freezing-works.

No. 10. The Wanganui Roman Catholic Lands Act, 1909: Authorising the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington to raise money for purchasing sites in the Township of Wanganui, for the erection of certain specified buildings.

No. 11. The New Plymouth Recreation and Racecourse Reserve Exchange Act, 1909: Authorising an exchange of lands between the New Plymouth Borough Council of the one part, and Arthur Standish, of New Plymouth, solicitor, and William Litchfield Newman, of New Plymouth, accountant, of the other part.

No. 12. The Timaru Borough Loans Consolidation Act, 1909: Authorising the consolidation by the Borough of Timaru of certain loans specified in the Schedule.

No. 13. The Otago Hospital Board Kaitangata Reserve Vesting Act, 1909: Vesting certain lands specified in the Schedules in the Otago Hospital Board as an endowment for hospital purposes.

No. 14. The Taranaki Agricultural Society Empowering Act, 1909: Declaring the Taranaki Agricultural Society to be a leasing authority within the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908, in respect of certain land specified in the Schedule.