

upon the alienation without the precedent consent of the Governor in Council of Native lands formerly subject to the Acts relating to thermal springs districts, and on which are situated any thermal or mineral springs or water. By section 4 provision is made for vesting such lands in the Maori Land Board of the district, and for the leasing thereof under Part XV of the Native Land Act, 1909.

Special provisions are made with respect to Mokoia Island and to the Town of Rotorua and adjacent lands.

No. 70. The Education Amendment Act, 1910: This Act amends in various respects the provisions of the Education Act, 1908; in particular, better provision is made for the education of children who, by reason of physical or mental defect, are incapable of being satisfactorily taught in the ordinary public school, or with children who are not so handicapped.

Provision is also made for the issue of regulations to compel the attendance at continuation or technical classes of young persons beyond the ordinary school age, who are not otherwise receiving instruction at technical or other classes.

No. 71. The Public Holidays Act, 1910: This Act provides for the observance of certain holidays on the Monday following the day on which the date of that holiday actually falls (not being a Monday). The schedule of bank holidays is also revised and the number of holidays reduced.

No. 72. The Dentists Amendment Act, 1910: This Act authorizes the registration of certain persons under the Dentists Act, 1908, without compliance with the requirements of that Act, if those persons were, at the date of the commencement of the Dentists Act, 1904, either in practice as dentists or were the apprentices of a dentist, or were at that date entitled to be registered but failed to make application for a registration in due course.

No. 73. The Land Settlement Finance Amendment Act, 1910: This Act makes certain amendments of the Land Settlement Finance Act, 1909, with a view to making that Act a more effective means of promoting land-settlement. It has been found that in certain districts an area of 200 acres (the limit fixed by the principal Act) is not sufficient to be profitably worked as a separate allotment, and section 2 of this Act permits of allotments of 500 acres if the purchase-money in respect of an allotment does not exceed £2,500.

To further promote the scheme of the principal Act, section 7 provides for the appointment of Land Settlement Finance Commissioners, with duties to be defined by the Governor in Council, for the purpose of selecting land to be taken up under the principal Act, and of assisting to make the necessary arrangements preliminary to the formation of land-settlement associations.

Section 8 is designed to prevent a man from acquiring an interest in more than one allotment under the principal Act, or from acquiring any interest in such an allotment if he is already the owner of an interest in any other land which, with his interest in the allotment, would exceed in value an amount of £2,500. Section 11 provides for the establishment of a fund for the payment of the incidental expenses connected with associations, and out of which losses to the association caused by defaults of purchasers may be met.

No. 74. The Tramways Amendment Act, 1910: This makes various amendments of the Tramways Act, 1908, of which those particularly referred to hereinafter are the most important.

Section 2 provides that after the 1st day of January, 1912, no person is to be employed as a driver on an electric tram who is not the holder of an electric-tram driver's certificate. Such certificates are to be granted only after examination, except in the case of persons who, at the passing of this Act, have for one year been employed as motormen or have been holders of motormen's licenses. In the cases last mentioned certificates of service without examination may be issued.

Section 3 gives to the Minister of Public Works authority to appoint officers to inspect and report upon all tramways and appliances, and the Minister may order necessary alterations and repairs to be effected.

Section 5 gives power to the Governor in Council to make regulations for the inspection, maintenance, control, and management of tramways.

Section 6 provides for the constitution of an Appeal Board for the hearing of complaints by tramway employees against dismissals, disratings, &c.

No. 75. The Stamp Duties Act, 1910: Amends the Stamp Duties Act, 1908, principally with respect to the payment of duty on the sale of mining shares through intermediate brokers. As the law stood prior to this amendment, where a sale was transacted by means of intermediate sharebrokers (as defined by section 2) a contract note was required in respect of each transaction, and duty was payable accordingly. The amendment provides that in such a case duty shall be payable as on one transaction only.

No. 76. The Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1910: Amends in various particulars the provisions of the Coal-mines Act, 1908, and the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1909.

No. 77. The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1910 (No. 2): Provides for the infliction of a penalty for making false statements in consignment notes and waybills, and makes provision for the leasing of lands not required for railway purposes.

No. 78. The Mining Amendment Act, 1910: Amends in various particulars the provisions of the Mining Act, 1908.

No. 79. The Fruit-lands Settlement Act, 1910: Provides for the setting-apart of lands (not exceeding in the aggregate an area of 10,000 acres), to be disposed of by leasing or otherwise, in allotments not exceeding 75 acres, for fruit-growing purposes.

No. 80. The Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1910: The principal purpose of this Act is the removal of restrictions upon the disposition of certain specified reserves and other lands which are incapable of being dealt with except with special legislative authority.

No. 81. The Municipal Corporations Amendment Act, 1910: This Act amends in various particulars the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908. In addition to other amendments it gives effect to several of the suggestions of the Municipal Conference.