

No. 27. The Otago Harbour Board Lands Vesting Act, 1910: This Act vests in the Otago Harbour Board certain lands described in the schedule to the Act; it also confers upon local authorities exercising jurisdiction over any district in which any part of those lands is included authority to reclaim the same from the sea for road-formation purposes. An area of not less than 10 acres of the land so vested in the Harbour Board is to be set aside by the Board as a reserve under Part II of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

No. 28. The Woodville Borough Drainage Empowering Act, 1910: This Act authorizes the Woodville Borough Council to raise a loan of £4,000 for drainage purposes, and also to execute drainage and sanitation works for the owners of private property within the said borough, the cost of such works to be repaid to the Council within a period not exceeding ten years.

No. 29. The Taieri Land Drainage Act, 1910: This Act abolished the Taieri Land Drainage District and the Taieri Land Drainage Board, and also constitutes a West Taieri Land Drainage District and Board, the assets and liabilities of the dissolved Board being apportioned between the Taieri County Council and the West Taieri Land Drainage Board.

Provision is also made for the appointment by the Governor of two Commissioners for the construction and maintenance of protective works.

No. 30. The Hawke's Bay Rivers Act, 1910: This Act abolishes the Taradale, Meanee, Clive, and Pukahu River Districts, and constitutes a new district in lieu thereof, to be known as the Hawke's Bay River District. The assets and liabilities of the old Boards become the assets and liabilities of the new Board. The Board is authorized to construct and maintain works for the prevention of damage to the district by reason of floods, to take steps to divert the course of the Tutaekuri and Ngauroro Rivers, and also to take steps to render fit for settlement any unproductive lands within its district.

No. 31. The Urewera District Native Reserve Amendment Act, 1910: This Act provides a right of appeal from the orders of Commissioners under the Acts relating to the Urewera District Native Reserve, in the same manner as if those orders were orders of the Native Land Court.

No. 32. The Poukawa Native Reserve Amendment Act, 1910: Authorizes the Public Trustee to expend moneys not exceeding one-third of the present capital value of the Poukawa Native Reserve for the purpose of draining the lake and swamps at present covering about 1,300 acres of the said reserve. The moneys so expended by the Public Trustee are to constitute a charge upon the lands so drained, and the Public Trustee may, with the consent of the beneficial owners, sell a sufficient part of those lands to satisfy the charges thereon. The Public Trustee is also authorized to lease any part of the said reserve which is not required for occupation by the Native owners, for a period not exceeding thirty years.

No. 33. The Kaitieke County Act, 1910: This Act constitutes the Kaitieke County, and alters the boundaries of the Waimarino and West Taupo Counties accordingly.

No. 34. The Wellington City Milk-supply Act, 1910: This Act authorizes the Wellington City Council to establish a milk-testing station, and otherwise to provide for the control of the sale and distribution of milk, and of milk-products, within the City of Wellington. With certain specified exceptions, no milk is to be sold within the boundaries of the said city until it has been tested at the milk-station, if and so long as such milk-station is available for that purpose.

No. 35. The Wellington Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1910: This Act authorizes the Wellington Harbour Board to postpone the construction of a graving dock, and discharges the Board from its obligation to hold certain lands vested in it for the purposes of such dock, and permits those lands to be used generally for harbour purposes.

No. 36. The Greymouth Harbour Board Loans Consolidation Amendment Act, 1910: Amends the provisions of the Greymouth Harbour Board Loans Consolidation Act, 1910.

No. 37. The Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Act, 1910: The object of this Act is to remedy and prevent the silting and overflow of parts of the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers, and to improve those rivers for the purposes of navigation. For that purpose the Minister of Public Works is authorized to construct and maintain protective works, and may take under the Public Works Act, 1908, any land required for those works.

Sections 13 and 14 provide for the assessment of compensation in respect of loss suffered by reason of the flooding of the said rivers, and for the payment by the Minister of such compensation. For the purpose of carrying out the works authorized by this Act the Minister of Finance is authorized to raise a loan not exceeding £150,000, to be paid by him into a separate account, to be known as the "Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers Improvement Account," and all expenses connected with this Act are to be paid out of that account.

On the completion of the works authorized as aforesaid to be constructed, the Waihou and Ohinemuri River Board is to be constituted, and that Board shall thereupon have all the powers conferred upon the Minister by this Act. Contributions towards the expenses of the said Board are to be made from the Consolidated Fund and from mining companies carrying on operations in the district.

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SIR,—

Government House, Wellington, 15th December, 1910.

In reply to Lord Crewe's despatch, No. 187, of the 31st August, on the subject of anthrax, I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a memo-