

Also, a Return showing the probable receipts from duties of Customs during the year ending 30th June, 1856, at each of the following places, viz., Auckland, Russell and Hokianga, Mongonui, Wangarei and Kaipara, Kawhia, New Plymouth, Wellington, Wanganui, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Lyttelton, Akaroa, Otago, Bluff, Chatham Islands.

13. MR. BELL to move, That a Return be laid on the table, of the quantity of land in acres sold in all the Provinces, for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1855, distinguishing the quantities respectively sold for cash and scrip.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Report of the Library Committee.
2. Adjourned debate on the question, that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for the purpose of considering the Financial Policy of the Government.
3. New Zealand Debenture Bill—second reading.
4. Disqualification Bill—second reading.
5. Magistrates' Indemnity Bill—second reading.
6. Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Bill—to be considered in Committee.

MR. MERRIMAN, in Committee on the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Bill, to move the insertion of the following clauses:—

Whereas certain grants of land in the Colony of New Zealand have been made and issued to the Rev. Walter Lawry, Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions and his successors: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the Estate which in law has been granted to the said Walter Lawry by the said grants, and it is expedient to set the said doubts at rest,

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand as follows,--

1. That the said grants shall be deemed and taken to have conveyed to the said Walter Lawry, his heirs and assigns, the fee simple in the said lands, subject, nevertheless, to the trusts in the said grants respectively set forth or implied concerning the same.

And whereas with regard to the said Lands, and also to the site of Chapels and Ministers' Dwellings and Schools of the religious societies denominated Wesleyan Methodists, it is expedient to make provision for creating a succession of properly qualified trustees according to the usages of the said Society, and for defining the manner in which the Trusts upon which they are respectively held shall be fulfilled,

Be it therefore further enacted by the said General Assembly,--

2. It shall be lawful for the person or persons to whom any land or hereditaments have been or shall or may be hereafter granted, or conveyed by the Crown, or by any person or persons whomsoever for any estate or interest upon trust for the said religious society denominated Wesleyan Methodists, and for the survivors or survivor of such persons, or their or his heirs or assigns, and he and they are hereby authorized and required at any time upon the request in writing of any three or more of the members of the said Society, to convey the said Trusts, premises, lands, and hereditaments to any number of Trustees to be nominated and elected according to the usages of the Society, not being less than three, and to their heirs and assigns, in order that the said Trust, Premises, Lands, and Hereditaments may be fully and completely vested in such Trustees, their heirs and assigns, upon the Trusts and for the ends, intents, and purposes, and with, under, and subject to the powers, provisions, agreements, and declarations mentioned, expressed, and declared in a model deed of the people called Methodists, late in connection with the Reverend John Wesley, to be enrolled in Her Majesty's Supreme Court of New Zealand within days after the passing of this Act, after proof shall have been made to the satisfaction of his Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, that the same is a deed recognized as a model deed of the said Society, such proof to be certified upon the said deed by indorsement to be made by the Clerk of the said Executive Council. Provided always, that it shall be lawful for any one or more person or persons, to whom any such lands shall have been originally granted or conveyed upon Trust for the said Religious Society, to act as new Trustees or Trustee if and when duly nominated and elected as aforesaid for that purpose, and the said Trust, premises, lands, and hereditaments may be re-vested in or retained by him or them, either alone or in conjunction with another Trustee or other Trustees, in the same manner as if he or they had not been originally a Trustee or Trustees of the said land so required to be conveyed as aforesaid.

MR. TRAVERS to move, in Committee on the "Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Bill, 1856," the following clause in lieu of clause 1:—

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