

tion of the officers of the departments, and regulates the annual increases of salaries from class to class.

26. The School Committees Election Act redefines the meaning of a "householder" in respect of elections, and abolishes the system of cumulative voting for School Committees under the principal Act.

27. The Administration Acts Amendment Act amends the law as to deceased married women's estates, and as to power of sale of an estate for debts, &c.

28. The Railway Construction and Land Act authorises the taking of additional land (with consent of the Governor), if required for railway, after construction thereof.

29. The Midland Railway Contract Act authorises the company constructing the railway to make a deviation thereof round Lake Brunner on certain terms and conditions.

30. The Westport-Ngakawau Railway Extension Act authorises an extension of the line to the Mokihiini River for opening up the coal-mines there, and enables the work to be constructed by the Westport Harbour Board, out of their funds, as a harbour-work.

31. The Oaths Act consolidates the provisions relating to the making of affirmations in lieu of oaths; it is an adoption of the Imperial Statute 51 and 52 Vict., c. 46, on the same subject.

32. The Native Land Laws Amendment Act confers upon the Native Land Court the powers of the Supreme Court in probate and administration of the estates of deceased Natives, and makes technical amendments in previous Acts relating to the procedure of the Court.

33. The Native Schools Sites Act Extension Act authorises Natives to cede to Her Majesty any of their own inalienable lands for school purposes, and authorises the Public Trustee to sell portion of any Native reserve for the same purpose if Native beneficiaries do not object.

34. The Kumara Sludge-channel Act 1889 Amendment Act authorises the vesting in trustees of so much of the sludge-channel as was not authorised to be so vested by the principal Act.

35. The Gold Duty Abolition Act and Mining Property Rating Act abolishes the export duty on gold produced in any part of the colony except the North Island, and substitutes a rate to be levied on the capital value of all mining property within the aforesaid parts.

36. The Public Revenues Acts Amendment Act amends technically two of the previous Acts relating to the public revenues.

37. The Property-tax Act fixes the amount of the property-tax to be collected for the current year, and the mode of collecting the same.

38. The Primage Duty Act authorises the collection until the 30th September, 1890, of the primage duty of 1 per cent., originally imposed until the 30th June, 1890, by section 4 of "The Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888."

39. The Public Works Appropriation Act appropriates out of the unexpended balance of loan, and from other sources, a total sum of £525,959 for the construction of public works for the year ending 31st March, 1891.

40. The Appropriation Act.—The annual Appropriation Act: amounts appropriated, total £2,076,799.

*The Local and Personal Acts.*

1. The Auckland Hospital Reserves Act authorises the annexation of part of the Auckland Domain to the hospital for purposes of isolation.

2. The Omaha Recreation Reserve Sale Act authorises the sale of an unsuitable recreation-ground, and the purchase of other ground out of the proceeds.

3. The Otago School Commissioners' Empowering Act authorises them to sell a piece of their endowment lands for a cemetery.

4. The Patea Harbour Board Act authorises a further loan of £5,000 for harbour-works, and regulates the priority of former creditors of the Board.

5. The Wellington School of Design and Exchange Act authorises the exchange of the site for a school of design to a more central position.

6. The Borough of Devonport Empowering and Endowment Act vests in the borough certain lands as endowments for roads, and authorises an exchange of part of a school reserve taken for the latter purpose.

7. The Kihikihi Cemetery Reserve Leasing Act authorises the leasing of an unused cemetery reserve, the proceeds to be applied for improvement of the remainder.

8. The Timaru Charitable Aid Institution Vesting Act transfers to the Charitable Aid Board the title to the land and buildings used by them for a home for the aged poor.

9. The Waiapu County Act creates a new county out of portion of the Cook County adjoining the East Cape of the North Island.

10. The Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Act authorises the Board to carry out certain agreements entered into respecting the reclamation of lands and the formation of roads thereon.

11. The Tuakitoto and Kaitangata Lakes Act authorises the drainage of the lakes, the reclamation of lands, subject to the conservation of all existing rights of way.

12. The Timaru Harbour Board Empowering Act authorises the Board to transfer their powers of rating within the harbour district to the local authorities within such district, so as to render the harbour rate more easily collected; preserves the remedies of debenture-holders in case of default.

13. The Palmerston North Reserves Act specifies and amends the powers of the Borough Council with respect to the reserves belonging to the borough.

14. The Gimmerburn Forest Reserve Act vests in the Council of the County of Maniototo portion of a forest reserve, subject to its being planted with forest trees.

15. The Hokitika High School Act 1883 Amendment Act authorises the Board to apply any of their funds for promoting secondary education and technical knowledge in any other school in the Westland Education District.