

Enclosure.

ATTACHED hereto is the usual synopsis of the statutes passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand in the fourth session of the thirteenth Parliament of the colony, and which closed on the 24th of October last. The synopsis has been prepared in this office.

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SYNOPSIS of ACTS passed by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEW ZEALAND during the SESSION ending 24th October, 1899.

Public General Acts.

No. 1. The Imprest Supply Act.—Granting £361,000, £9,000, and £100,000 on imprest towards the service of the year.

No. 2. The Imprest Supply Act (No. 2).—Granting £386,000, £9,000, and £125,000 on imprest towards the service of the year.

No. 3. The Municipal Franchise Reform Extension Act.—Making provision for the final amendment of the burgess-roll for the purposes of the annual election.

No. 4. The Imprest Supply Act (No. 3).—Granting £336,000, £9,000, and £50,000 on imprest towards the service of the year.

No. 5. The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act.—Authorising the raising of £1,000,000 for the construction of railways, roads, bridges, and other public works mentioned in the Schedule to the Act.

No. 6. The Land for Settlements Acts Amendment Act.—Extending the operation of the principal Act until the fourteenth day after the close of the first session of the next ensuing Parliament, also making further provision for workmen's homes, and otherwise amending the principal Act.

No. 7. The Imprest Supply Act (No. 4).—Granting £336,000, 39,000, and £5,000 on imprest towards the service of the year.

No. 8. The Licensing Poll Regulation Act.—Providing for scrutineers at the licensing poll taken under "The Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Act, 1895."

No. 9. The Native Townships Act Amendment Act.—Amending the principal Act with respect to the mode of payment of compensation and survey charges, by spreading the payment over a number of years not exceeding ten.

No. 10. The Police Provident Fund Act.—Establishing a fund to provide pensions and other allowances to members of the Police Force on retirement or death, the fund being formed partly from deductions from the pay of members and partly from contributions from the Consolidated Fund, and the benefits being regulated by length of service. Provisions of a general nature are inserted for carrying out the Act.

No. 11. The Employment of Boys or Girls without Payment Prevention Act.—Providing that every boy or girl under eighteen years of age employed in a factory shall be paid not less than 4s. a week in the case of a girl and 5s. a week in the case of a boy. The Act also forbids the payment of any premium for such employment.

No. 12. The Wages Protection Act.—Providing that no money shall be deducted or taken by an employer from wages of his workmen in respect of insurance against accident.

No. 13. The Local Government Voting Reform Act.—Abolishing the absentee vote at local government polls, and reducing the maximum property vote from five votes to three.

No. 14. The Payment of Jurors Act.—Providing for the payment of Coroners' jurors, and jurors in criminal cases, at the rate of 8s. a day for more than four hours' attendance in the day, and 4s. for not more than four hours' attendance.

No. 15. The Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act.—Repealing certain provisions for granting certificates of service, making special provisions in the case of ships propelled by gas, oil, fluid, or other mechanical power than steam, and providing for the issue of certificates of competency and service to engineers of such ships; also amending section 32 of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877."

No. 16. The Government Advances to Settlers Act Amendment Act.—Providing for rebate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest in cases where the instalment of the loan is punctually paid; also providing that moneys paid in advance may be applied in reduction of future instalments, either with or without a break in the periodical continuity of the due dates; also providing for the readjustment of a loan when partly repaid, by treating the unpaid balance as a fresh loan; also providing for advances on security of urban and suburban land.

No. 17. The Labour Day Act.—Providing that the second Wednesday in October in each year shall be known as Labour Day and be a public holiday.

No. 18. The Kauri-gum Industry Act Amendment Act.—Amending the principal Act by providing that no one shall dig on a kauri-gum reserve unless he is a British subject by birth or naturalisation, or a Maori, and holds a special license extending to such reserve.

No. 19. The Pacific Cable Authorisation Act.—Empowering the Governor in Council to give effect to certain resolutions (set out in the Schedule to the Act) respecting the construction of a Pacific telegraph cable.

No. 20. The Government Accident Insurance Act.—Empowering the Government Life Insurance Department to carry on the business of Accident Insurance, the assets and liabilities of the Life Insurance business being separate and distinct from those of the Accident Insurance business; with general provisions for giving effect to the Act.