

It will be observed that two statutes have been reserved by me, for the reasons detailed in the Attorney-General's report.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Enclosure.

Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, 13th November, 1905.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

THE Premier has the honour to forward, for transmission to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a synopsis, prepared by the Law Officers, of the Acts passed during the third session of the fifteenth Parliament of New Zealand, together with the Acts duly authenticated with the seal of the colony.

ALBERT PITT, for the Premier.

SPECIAL REPORT.

FOR the information of His Excellency the Governor I beg to report as follows:—

1. The synopsis attached hereto contains a list of all the Acts passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand during the session which ended on the 31st day of October, 1905.

2. In my opinion, except as regards Acts Nos. 63 and 64, none of those Acts are repugnant to the law of England, nor was it necessary that they should have been reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon in accordance with the Royal Instructions of the 28th day of March, 1892.

3. Act No. 63 has been so reserved in accordance with the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894" (57 and 58 Vict. c. 60), and Act No. 64 because it is repugnant to the laws of England (5 and 6 Will. 14, cap. 54), relating to marriages within the prohibited degrees of consanguinity or affinity.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of November, 1905.

ALBERT PITT, Attorney-General.

SYNOPSIS of ACTS passed by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of NEW ZEALAND in the Session ended the 31st Day of October, 1905.

Public Acts.

1. "Imprest Supply Act, 1905."—Granting to His Majesty for the service of the year the sums of £536,000 and £10,500.

2. "Old-age Pensions Act, 1905."—Increasing the amount of pension payable under "The Old-age Pensions Act, 1898," and otherwise amending that Act.

3. "Road Boards Acts Amendment Act, 1905."—Amending the law relating to the making of special orders by Road Boards and the signing of cheques by such Boards.

4. "Imprest Supply Act, 1905 (No. 2)."—Granting to His Majesty for the service of the year the sums of £536,000 and £10,500.

5. "Statutes Compilation Act Amendment Act, 1905."—Amending "The Statutes Compilation Act, 1902," as to the manner of enactment of compilations.

6. "Criminal Code Amendment Act, 1905."—Amending "The Criminal Code Act, 1893"; extending the time during which proceedings may be taken for certain offences, and empowering Courts to exclude the public from the hearing of certain cases, and to forbid publication of the proceedings in such cases.

7. "Mutual Fire Insurance Act Amendment Act, 1905."—Amending "The Mutual Fire Insurance Act, 1903," in minor matters.

8. "Motor Registration Act, 1905."—Providing for the registration of motors.

9. "Imprest Supply Act, 1905 (No. 3)."—Granting to His Majesty for the service of the year the sums of £536,000 and £55,350.

10. "Public Works Amendment Act, 1905."—Amending the law relating to the width of roads and streets, and as to unformed roads and streets.

11. "Stamp Act Amendment Act, 1905."—Exempting from duty documents relating to old-age pensions.

12. "Imprest Supply Act, 1905 (No. 4)."—Granting to His Majesty for the service of the year the sums of £536,000 and £10,500.

13. "Commissioners Act Amendment Act, 1905."—Amending "The Commissioners Act, 1903," by extending the powers of commissions appointed by the Governor in cases where a Judge of the Supreme Court is a member of the commission, and extending the Act to commissions appointed by the Governor under his Letters Patent.

14. "Offensive Publications Act, 1905."—Amending the law relating to offensive publications.

15. "Coal-mines Acts Compilation Act, 1905."—Compiling the existing Acts relating to coal-mines.

16. "Evidence Act, 1905."—Consolidating and amending certain enactments relating to the law of evidence.

17. "Convicts' Forfeitures Act Amendment Act, 1905."—Making better provision for the administration of the property of convicts.