

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE.

The premium note in the Second Schedule to the Act of 1903 refers to "the Court of the district." Properly speaking there is no such Court. We have substituted "the Court situate or exercising jurisdiction within the district, &c."

NATIVE RIGHTS.

Sections 3 and 5 of the Act of 1865 (Jurisdiction of Courts) have been dropped as being superseded by later legislation.

NAVAL DEFENCE.

The altered stations are set out in the Third Schedule to the Consolidation Act, and reference thereto appears in the preamble.

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE.

Section 8 of the Act of 1903 provides for filling up casual vacancies, but does not specify the term of office. This is a defect, and, to cure it, subsection 2 of section 7 of the Consolidation Act says that the person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall only hold office for such period as his predecessor would have held it.

Section 12 of the Act of 1903 is dropped as spent, and section 13 (Regulations, &c., to be laid before Parliament) is altered, for uniformity with similar provisions in other Acts.

NEW ZEALAND LOANS.

All Loan Acts not theretofore specifically repealed are brought under the Consolidation Act (section 2), and set out in Part II of the First Schedule.

Sections 9 and 11 of "The Public Debts Sinking Funds Act, 1868," have been recast in section 53 of the Consolidation Act. Sections 10 and 12 of the same Act have been dropped as spent or superseded.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY.

The endowment provisions of the constituent Acts are in great measure spent or superseded. We have recast them so as to preserve the present legal position.

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

The various schedules of noxious weeds have been brought up to date.

NURSES REGISTRATION.

In section 6 of the Act of 1901 the reference to lectures delivered evidently was intended to be to lectures attended. We have altered accordingly (section 5 of the Consolidation Act).

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The term "renewal certificate" in the Act of 1901 is inaccurate. We have substituted "pension certificate."

Section 64 of the Act of 1898 (section 71 of the Consolidation Act) excludes from the pension provisions of the Act "Chinese or other Asiatics, whether naturalised or not." Does this exclude Chinese or other Asiatics who are British subjects by birth—*e.g.*, Natives of Hong Kong or India? We suggest that the Legislature make the point clear.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN DISEASES.

Section 9 of the Act of 1893 omits to deal with plants, &c., being brought from one portion of New Zealand into another in breach of any Order in Council. The omission is supplied in section 9 of the Consolidation Act.

The schedules have been brought up to date.

PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE-MARKS.

Section 99 of the Act of 1889 (Vexatious indictments) is omitted, as the Crimes Act makes provision.

The Schedule of Fees has been brought up to date.