

TRADE-UNIONS.

“Worker” and “employer” have been substituted for “workman” and “master,” for uniformity with later legislation.

The Act of 1878 contemplates that every trade-union shall have trustees. (See section 10, which says that all real and personal estate of the trade-union shall be vested in the trustees.) There is, however, no specific requirement to that effect, and in the rules as indicated in the schedule, the requirement is that there must be provision for either a committee of management or trustees. Presumably, “or” is a mistake for “and.” The correction, however, is for the Legislature to make, if it thinks necessary.

TRAMWAYS.

Clause 13 of the Second Schedule (Consent of ratepayers) has been recast so as to accord with later legislation on the subject of local polls, including the Local Government Voting Reform Act, as to voting-power and requisite majority.

TRUSTEE.

In accordance with the observations of Mr. Justice Cooper, in *Re Copeland* (10 Gaz. R. 142), we have in the interpretation clause of the Consolidation Act defined “heir” to include any person entitled to administration.

Section 91 of the Consolidation Act (Power of trustees to borrow) is section 10 of “The Law Amendment Act, 1904.”

VALUATION OF LAND.

Interpretation clause: “District” is defined in accordance with section 3 of the Act of 1900, and the term “special district” is dropped as unnecessary.

Subsection (1) of section 2 of the Act of 1896 (Governor may create special districts) is dropped, as impliedly repealed by section 3 of the Act of 1900.

Subsection (4) of section 29 of the Act of 1900 has been transferred to the Rating Act—its proper place.

Section 12 of the Act of 1896 (Compensation for land acquired under Land for Settlements Act or Public Works Act) has been transferred to each of those Acts.

This Act has given us a great deal of trouble owing to the way it overlaps the Rating Acts, and the fragmentary nature of the various amendments. We recommend that it be recast in connection with the Rating Act.

WAGES PROTECTION AND CONTRACTORS' LIENS.

In section 2 the words “or otherwise” are added at the end of the definition of “wages” for completeness; and throughout the Act “worker” is substituted for “workman” for uniformity with later legislation.

Section 5 of “The Truck Act, 1891” (Wages to be paid monthly) is inconsistent with section 3 of “The Workmen’s Wages Act, 1893” (Wages to be paid weekly). See sections 3 and 31 of the Consolidation Act. The matter is one for the Legislature.

WATER-SUPPLY.

It is not clear whether the extended definition of “water-race” in section 22 of the Act of 1898 includes water-races acquired, &c., by a Water-supply Board (section 3 of the Consolidation Act). Both “Council” and “Water-supply Board” are mentioned in the original definition, but only “Council” in the later. This is for the Legislature to deal with.

The loan-raising provisions have been made to accord with the Local Bodies’ Loans Act, and such of them as are contained in that Act are omitted as being superseded or unnecessary—*e.g.*, section 8 of the Act of 1898 (Hypothecation of debentures).

Subsections (1) to (3) of section 42 of the Act of 1891 are practically duplicated in subsections (1) to (3) of section 12 of the Act of 1898. The former are therefore dropped as being superseded (section 46 of the Consolidation Act).

Section 20 of the Act of 1898 refers to the Borough of Greytown North and the County of Wairarapa South. The proper name of the Borough is Greytown,