

- 1922, No. 55.—The Rural Credit Associations Act, 1922.—The object of this Act is to make provision by means of the establishment of rural credit associations for affording financial assistance to farmers and other rural workers. Section 3 provides for the incorporation under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908, of rural credit associations for the purposes of this Act. Section 4 defines certain compulsory objects of rural credit associations—*inter alia*, the receiving of deposits from any persons at interest and the lending of money to members. Section 6 provides that members shall be jointly and severally liable, without limitation of amount, for all the liabilities of the association. Section 7 defines the purposes for which an association may lend money to its members and provides for the recovery of loans. Section 8 limits to £500 the total amount that may be advanced to any member. Section 9 provides for payment to members for certain services rendered to the association.
- 1922, No. 56.—The Friendly Societies Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Friendly Societies Act, 1908. Section 3 empowers registered societies providing medical or surgical requisites to issue debentures. Section 5 provides that a contributing society may not, without certain notice being given, withdraw from a medical society. Section 6 enables fines imposed by societies to be recovered summarily.
- 1922, No. 57.—The Appropriation Act, 1922.—This Act appropriates for the use of His Majesty the moneys required for the purposes of the current financial year. In addition it contains certain miscellaneous provisions, none of which are of outstanding importance.
- 1922, No. 58.—The Sea Carriage of Goods Act, 1922.—This Act re-enacts, with alterations, certain provisions of the Shipping and Seamen Acts relating to the liability of shipowners for the carriage of goods, and comes into operation on a day to be notified by the Governor-General by Proclamation in the *Gazette*.
- 1922, No. 59.—The Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends in various particulars the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, and comes into operation on a day to be notified by the Governor-General by Proclamation in the *Gazette*. Sections 2 and 4 provide respectively for the number of engine-room attendants to be carried by steamships not burning coal and by ships not propelled by steam. Section 10 amends section 5 of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1911, as to security in respect of seamen left on shore from foreign-going ships. Section 11 makes extensive amendments of the fees payable under the principal Act, and section 12 provides a new scale of fees for examination of plans of ships.

Local Acts.

- 1922, No. 1 (Local).—The Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Hutt Road Amendment Act, 1917, to enable the Wellington City Council to borrow an additional £20,000 for the purpose of constructing a permanent surface to that road, and authorizes the construction of such surface in bitumen or other permanent material, instead of concrete only, as specified in the Act of 1917.
- 1922, No. 2 (Local).—The Gisborne Harbour Board Enabling Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act excludes from the Gisborne Harbour District the Counties of Waiapu and Uawa.
- 1922, No. 3 (Local).—The Wairau Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1922.—The object of this Act is to enable the Wairau Harbour Board to levy rates within its district for the purpose of providing the annual charges upon any moneys borrowed under the authority of the Wairau Harbour Board Act, 1907, and the Wairau Harbour Board Loan and Enabling Act, 1916.
- 1922, No. 4 (Local).—The Wairau River District Loans Act, 1922.—This Act constitutes the Wairau River District as the area over which rates may be struck and pledged, or other security given, to secure repayment of and to provide for the annual charges and other payments in connection with the loans at present secured upon the several river districts which are now united and form the Wairau River District.
- 1922, No. 5 (Local).—The Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Christchurch City Sanitation Empowering Act, 1908, to confer on the Christchurch City Council power to expend loan-moneys raised under that Act on lands included in the city after the passing of that Act.
- 1922, No. 6 (Local).—The Christchurch Municipal Offices Leasing Act, 1922.—This Act confers on the Christchurch City Council certain special powers of leasing certain lands vested in the Council and the buildings thereon.
- 1922, No. 7 (Local).—The Whakatane Harbour Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends in various particulars the Whakatane Harbour Act, 1921–22. Sections 6 and 7 provide that failure to pay rates shall be a disqualification for voting and nomination purposes.
- 1922, No. 8 (Local).—The Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896, by altering the constitution of the Board of Governors, and authorizes the expenditure of moneys in celebration of the jubilee of the College.
- 1922, No. 9 (Local).—The Hauraki Plains Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act makes various amendments of the Hauraki Plains Act, 1908. The principal purpose of the Act is to exempt certain lands from rates.
- 1922, No. 10 (Local).—The Auckland City and Auckland Hospital Board Empowering Act, 1922.—This Act validates an agreement for the exchange of certain lands between the Corporation of the City of Auckland and the Auckland Hospital Board, and authorizes the Auckland City Council to raise a further loan for the enlargement and improvement of the Auckland Municipal Abattoirs, and to pay certain retiring-allowances.
- 1922, No. 11 (Local).—The Invercargill Corporation Empowering Act, 1922.—This Act makes special provisions with respect to certain lands vested in the Corporation of the Borough of Invercargill.