

Subject to the same Act.

5. Section five of the said Act is hereby repealed ; but in other respects the said Act shall apply in all respects to the lands to be acquired by the aforesaid Association under the authority of this Act as it applies in respect to the lands described in the Schedule hereto.

Lands in Schedule to vest in Southland Caledonian Society in trust for purposes of society.

6. On the completion of the sale authorized by this Act, the lands described in the Schedule to this Act shall vest in and be held by the Southland Caledonian Society, for the use of the said Society, and for the purposes for which such Society was formed.

The District Land Registrar of Southland shall, on the deposit with him of a copy of this Act, and on proof to his satisfaction of the completion of the aforesaid sale, cancel the certificate of title to the lands described in the Schedule, granted to the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association Reserve Trust, and shall grant a certificate of title thereto to the Southland Caledonian Society in its stead.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATION'S GROUND AT INVERCARGILL.

ALL those parcels of land in the Provincial District of Otago, situate in the Town of Invercargill, being Sections numbered respectively five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21), of Block forty-five (XLV.), as shown on the record map of the said Town of Invercargill.

1881, No. 26.-Local.

CHATHAM ISLANDS. AN ACT to provide for the Administration of Local Affairs within the Chatham Islands..

[19th September, 1881.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the outlying islands known as the Chatham Islands are not included within the limits of any provincial district, or of any county, and no sufficient law exists for the requirements of the said islands in respect to the administration of its local affairs :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

Short Title.

1, The Short Title of this Act is " The Chatham Islands Act, 1881." It shall come into operation on the first day of October in the aforesaid year.

Definition of Chatham Islands.

2. For the purposes of this Act the Chatham Islands shall be deemed to include the two larger islands of the group generally so called and all islands adjacent thereto respectively.

Acts and Provincial Ordinances may be applied to the islands.

3. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council; upon the request of the majority of the adult male inhabitants of the Chatham Islands, such majority to be ascertained in manner prescribed by the Governor in Council, declare that any Act of the General Assembly, or any Provincial Ordinance; shall take effect and come into operation within the Chatham Islands on and after a day to be stated in such order.

4. Every Provincial Ordinance so brought into operation shall be construed subject to "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875," in the same manner as if a Provincial Legislature had existed within the said islands which had enacted such Ordinance.

Construction of such Acts, &c., in such cases.

5. The Governor also may from time to time, by Order in Council, with respect to any Act or Provincial Ordinance so brought into operation, prescribe rules of interpretation for the purpose of construing the language thereof respectively in a manner suitable to the circumstances of the aforesaid islands; and similarly may make all necessary rules, regulations, and orders for the better administration of any such Act or Ordinance within the aforesaid islands.

Governor in Council may prescribe rules of interpretation of Acts, &c., in said islands.

. 1881, No. 27.-Local.

AN ACT to grant certain Special Powers to the Governor to issue Crown Grants, and to enable him to carry out certain Contracts and Promises.

**SPECIAL POWERS
AND CONTRACTS.**

[24th September, 1881.]

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to give the Governor power to issue the Crown grants, and to do, execute, and perform the several acts and things set forth in the second column of the Schedule hereto, in fulfilment of the promises and for the several reasons and purposes set forth in the first column of such Schedule :

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1881."

Short Title.

2. The Governor may issue such Crown grants, and do, execute, and perform the several acts, deeds, matters, and things which are specified in the second column of the Schedule hereto.

Governor may perform the several acts specified in the second column of the Schedule.

All Crown grants, acts, deeds, matters, and things so issued, done, executed or performed shall be good, valid, and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever, subject to the exceptions, restrictions, and qualifications in the said Schedule specified.

3. For the purpose of evidencing the title to any land specified in the said second column of the Schedule, the Governor may, in any Crown grant issued under the authority hereof, antevest the legal estate in the grantee to such date as he thinks fit.

Legal estate may be antevested.

4. In respect to any land mentioned in the Schedule hereto which is to be inalienable by sale, lease, gift, or mortgage for a longer period than twenty-one years, except with the consent of the Governor, it is hereby declared that no lease of any such land for the period of twenty-one years or a less period shall be valid, unless such lease is sold at public auction after not less than thirty days' public notice of such auction has been given in some newspaper having general circulation in the district wherein the lands offered for lease are situate; and also that such lease is sold without any fine, premium, or foregift being paid or received in respect thereof.

Provision in case of land inalienable for a longer period than twenty-one years, except with consent of Governor.

5. Section thirty-two in the Schedule to "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1879," which authorizes the Governor to change the purpose of Reserve No. 146, Arowhenua Survey District, Provincial District of Canterbury? to a recreation-ground, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.