

No. , 1900.

A BILL

To provide that the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society shall be known as the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital; to give such society and hospital power to sell and convey lands; to declare that certain Acts relating to Public Hospitals shall not apply or be deemed to have applied to the said Society or Society and Hospital; and in these and other respects to amend the Acts 4 Vic. No. 3 and 23 Vic. No. 20.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The society referred to in the Act Fourth Victoria number three as the "Hawkesbury Benevolent Society" shall henceforth be known as the "Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital," and all references in the said Act or in the Act Twenty-third Victoria number twenty to the said society shall be deemed to be references to the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital.

2. The trustees of the said society and hospital, on behalf of the members thereof, if empowered thereby to do so by a majority of such members present at any meeting duly convened for the purpose under the provisions of the said Acts, may with the consent of

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the Minister of the Crown for the time being having the charge and administration of the said Acts, sell, for the benefit of the said society and hospital, such part of the lands now being or at any time hereafter to become the property of the members of the said society and hospital as the trustees deem expedient in the interests of the said society and hospital by public auction or private contract, and either in one lot or in several lots as they may deem expedient, for such price as can be reasonably had for the same, and may convey the same to the purchaser, and shall hold the proceeds of the sale of the same in trust for the said members; and the lands so conveyed shall vest in the purchaser freed and discharged from any trust or dedication affecting the same, and the receipt in writing of the trustees, in the absence of fraud, shall be a sufficient discharge to the purchaser of the said lands or any portion thereof, and exonerate him from seeing to the application of the moneys paid by him and from all liability in respect of any misapplication or nonapplication thereof; and the trustees may allow any purchaser credit for the payment of the whole or any part of the purchase money upon such terms as to interest or otherwise as the trustees may deem reasonable and expedient.

3. The first proviso to section eleven of the Act Fourth Victoria number three is hereby repealed. Proviso to s. 11 of 4 Vic. No. 3 repealed.

4. Two persons to act as honorary medical officers shall be annually elected as officers of the said society and hospital under the provisions of section twelve of the Act Fourth Victoria number three as to the election of officers of the said society and hospital, and, with the officers, members, and trustees therein mentioned, shall constitute the committee of management therein mentioned, and the provisions of the said Act as to officers elected thereunder shall apply to officers elected under the provisions of this section. Two honorary medical officers to be elected as officers of society and hospital.

5. The provisions of section eight of the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Act, the word "member" or "members" being read in place of the word "contributor" or "contributors" in that section. Section 8 of Public Hospitals Act incorporated in this Act.

6. Except as in this Act mentioned the provisions of the Public Hospitals Act, 1898, and the Acts thereby repealed shall not apply or be deemed to have at any time applied to the said society or society and hospital. Public Hospital Acts not to apply or to be deemed to have applied to society or society and hospital.

7. This Act shall be construed with the Acts Fourth Victoria number three and Twenty-third Victoria number twenty, and may be cited as the "Hawkesbury Benevolent Society's Acts Amendment Act, 1900." Incorporation and short title.