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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1910.

A BILL

To constitute a board to give relief in certain public disasters; to transfer to such board the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund and the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the King'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. This Act may be cited as the "Public Disaster Fund Act, Short title. 1910."

2. All the real and personal property, including moneys and securities for money forming the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund, and all such property including moneys and securities for money forming the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund, shall form part of the fund to be constituted by this Act (hereinafter referred to as "the fund"), and shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, be vested by proper transfers and assurances in three trustees to be appointed by the board of commissioners hereinafter constituted.

Property vested in trustees appointed by board.

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3. The fund shall consist of the property vested as aforesaid, ^{The fund.} and any moneys or securities for money given, devised, or bequeathed to the said board or its trustees or in which such property, money, or securities or any proceeds or accumulated revenues thereof are invested.

4. The fund shall, subject to this Act, be administered by a ^{The board.} board, consisting of the following commissioners:—
The Lord Mayor;

And such other persons as the Governor thinks fit to appoint.

5. The said board shall invest the fund in securities of the ^{Investment of fund.} Government of New South Wales or of the Commonwealth of Australia, or on deposit with the Colonial Treasurer, or with any bank doing the Government business, and may vary or realise any such investment.

6. (1) The said board may apply the fund— ^{Application of fund.}

- (a) in continuing payments to or on behalf of persons who, at the commencement of this Act, were receiving relief out of the New South Wales Public Disaster Fund or the Bulli Colliery Disaster Fund: Provided that such board may at any time and for any cause increase, diminish, or discontinue any such payments; and
- (b) in paying such allowances as the said board deems fit in the case of the death or disablement of any person caused by a public disaster occurring within New South Wales or on the waters adjoining that State;
- (c) in paying the expenses necessary for carrying out its duties under this Act.

(2) The said board shall be the sole judge as to what constitutes a public disaster for the purposes of this section, and its determination in that matter shall be conclusive.

7. The board shall, in the month of January in each year, ^{Accounts to be furnished by board.} prepare and send to the Colonial Treasurer an account of the moneys received and expended by it during the last preceding year, and a statement of the moneys and securities in its possession on the thirty-first day of December then last preceding. Such account and statement shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament without delay.

8. The board may make by-laws for carrying out the provisions ^{By-laws.} of this Act, and in particular—

- (a) regulating the making of claims for allowances under this Act;
- (b) prescribing the amounts of such allowances, and the persons to whom they may be paid;
- (c) regulating the allotting and paying of such allowances; and
- (d) prescribing the procedure at meetings of the board.

Such by-laws shall be submitted to the Governor for his approval, and on being approved by him and published in the Gazette shall have the force of law.

Any by-laws so published shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament without delay.