

APPENDIX A.

The Canterbury Museum and Library Ordinance, 1870. (1)
(February 18, 1871)

Whereas the specimens of Natural History and other public property deposited in the Museum of the Province of Canterbury have now become of considerable value and whereas it is deemed expedient for the promotion of Literature and Science that a Public Library and a School of Technical Science should be established and that the specimens of Natural History Books Pictures Manuscripts Statutes and other objects now deposited in the said Museum which now belong to the Province of Canterbury or which the Province may hereafter acquire by gift bequest purchase or exchange should be deposited in the custody of trustworthy persons.

Be it therefore enacted by the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof as follows:

1. A Board of Trustees composed as hereinafter mentioned shall be and is hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Canterbury Museum and Library" by which name such body corporate shall have perpetual succession and shall have a common seal and shall by the same name from time to time sue and be sued implead and be impleaded in all courts and shall be able and capable in law to take purchase and hold to them and their successors all goods chattels and personal property whatever either now deposited within the precincts of the Canterbury Museum or hereafter to be acquired by gift bequest purchase or exchange and shall also be able and capable in law to purchase take and hold to them and their successors not only such lands buildings hereditaments and possessions as may from time to time be exclusively used and occupied for the immediate requirements of the said Museum but also any other lands buildings hereditaments and possessions whatever situate in the said Province or elsewhere which may be purchased by or granted to them and they and their successors shall be able and capable in law to grant demise alienate or otherwise dispose of all or any of the said property real or personal belonging to the said Museum Public Library or School of Technical Science and also to do all other matters and things incidental to or appertaining to a body politic and corporate.

2. Provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees to alienate charge or demise any lands tenements or hereditaments to which they may become entitled by grant purchase or otherwise unless with the approval of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Canterbury for the time being except by way of lease for any term not exceeding three years from the time when such lease shall be made in an by which there shall be reserved and made