

APPENDIX B.

An Act for promoting the Establishment of a Public Library in the City of Christchurch, in the Province of Canterbury (1)
(September 22, 1873)

Whereas it is expedient that a Public Library should be established in the City of Christchurch: And whereas sections four hundred and five and four hundred and six in the said city, with the buildings thereon, and also certain books and other chattel property, are now vested in certain persons as Trustees for the members of an undertaking entered into for literary and scientific purposes, formerly called "The Christchurch Mechanics' Institute," but now known as "The Christchurch Literary Institute", and hereinafter called "the said Institute," and such land and other property is now held by the Trustees subject to the direction and control of a Committee of Management to be annually elected by the members of the said Institute: And whereas the said Committee, with the consent of the general body of members of the said Institute, have signified their willingness to hand over the said land and property for the purposes of a Public Library: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Trustees to dispose of the said property for such purpose, and some of the Trustees are absent from the Province of Canterbury, and it is expedient that power should be given to the Trustees in the said Province to transfer such property to the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury for the purpose aforesaid:

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 shall be "The Canterbury Public Library Act, 1873."

2. It shall be lawful for any two of the Trustees of the said Institute, at the request in writing of the persons acting for the time being as a Committee of Management of the said Institute, or of a majority of them, by deed to convey and assign all such estate and interest as is now vested in the Trustees of the said Institute, all and singular the real and personal property so vested in the said Trustees in trust for the members thereof, to the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury for the purposes of a Public Library, on such terms and conditions as may be hereafter agreed upon between the said Trustees and the said Superintendent; and upon the execution of such deed, the land conveyed thereby shall vest in the Superintendent and his successors in fee.

1. Statutes of N.Z., 1873. p.83, No.24.