previously guaranteed, or an equal amount of any other loan of the Government of New Zealand, has been or is in the course of being spent for the purposes mentioned in the principal Act.

Construction of Act.

2. This Act shall be construed as one with the principal Act.

Short title.

3. The principal Act and this Act may be cited together as the "New Zealand (Roads, &c.) Loan Acts, 1870 and 1873," and this Act may be cited as the New Zealand (Roads, &c.) Loan Act, 1873.

CHAPTER 16.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Marriages in Ireland in certain cases.

[15th May 1873.]

26 & 27 Vict. c. 27.

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained whether the provisions of the Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-seven, relating to the registration of places of public worship in Ireland, and the solemnization of marriages therein, extend to places of public worship used by any church or religious community who are not Roman Catholics and who do not describe themselves as Protestant:

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to make provision for the solemnization of marriages between members of any such church or religious community in manner following:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Extension of provisions of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 27. and 7 & 8 Vict. c. 81.

1. All the provisions of the said Act relating to the registration of places of public worship shall be deemed to extend and apply to places of public worship used by any such church or religious community as aforesaid; and all the provisions of the said Act, and of the Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-one, and of the Acts amending and extending the said Acts or either of them, relating to marriages between persons one or both of whom shall belong to any church, denomination, or body of Protestant Christians, so far as the same are now in force and applicable, shall be deemed to extend and shall extend and apply to marriages between persons one or both of whom shall belong to any such church or religious community as aforesaid.

Certain marriages declared valid.

2. Any marriage heretofore solemnized between members of any such church or religious community as aforesaid which would have been legal and valid had the parties to such marriage been Protestant Episcopalians within the meaning of the Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870, shall be and be deemed valid to all intents and purposes, notwithstanding that such parties were not Protestant Episcopalians at the time of such marriage.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1873; and the said Act of the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-seven, and this Act, may be cited together for all purposes as the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Acts, 1863 and 1873.

Construction of Act.

4. This Act and the said Act of the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-seven, so far as the same is not inconsistent with this Act, shall be construed together as one Act.