*Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.*

# AUCTIONEERS ACT AMENDMENT.

## A BILL INTITULED

### An Act to amend "The Auctioneers Act, 1891."    Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5   1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Auctioneers Act Amend- Short Title. ment Act, 1899," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Auctioneers Act, 1891."

2. It shall be the duty of an auctioneer when offering property Auctioneer to name
10 of any kind for sale by auction to distinctly name the vendor and vendor and last bidder. also the last bidder at the sale, whether the property is actually sold or not.

3. It shall not be lawful for the vendor of property of any kind Vendor not to bid, offered for sale by auction to directly or indirectly either himself bid or employ agent so to do.
15 for the same, or employ any person so to do, or for the auctioneer to knowingly receive any such bid; and any sale in breach of this section may be treated as fraudulent by the buyer:

Provided that this section shall not apply in any case where the Saving. auctioneer publicly announces, at the beginning of the sale, that the
20 vendor reserves the right to make one bid, and the vendor or his agent makes such bid accordingly, and, at the time when the bid is made, the auctioneer publicly announces that it is made by or on behalf of the vendor.

4. Every person who commits any breach of any of the pro- Penalties.
25 visions of this Act is liable to a penalty of *ten* pounds; and in the case of an auctioneer, if he is convicted of a second offence, the convicting Court, in addition to imposing the penalty, may, in its discretion, forfeit his license.

5. Section fifty-nine of "The Sale of Goods Act, 1895," and Repeal.
30 every other enactment in conflict with this Act, are hereby modified in so far as such conflict exists, but not further or otherwise.

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