Hon. Sir J. Vogel.

BEET-ROOT SUGAR.

ANALYSIS.

Bonus of one halfpenny per pound to be paid for first 1,000 tons of sugar.

3. Excise duty always to be one halfpenny less than import duty.

4. If import duty reduced or removed, bonus to be paid in equivalent.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to encourage the Production of Sugar from Beet-root and Title. Sorghum.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Beet-root Sugar Act, Short Title.

1884." 2. The Colonial Treasurer shall, out of the Consolidated Fund, Bonus of one halfpay to the person producing the same one halfpenny per pound on be paid for first 10 the first one thousand tons of sugar produced from beet-root or 1,000 tons of sugar.

sorghum grown in this colony.

3. No duty by way of excise or otherwise shall be levied for Excise duty always fifteen years from the first day of January, one thousand eight hun- to be one halfpenny less than import dred and eighty-five, on any sugar produced in this colony from beet-duty. 15 root or sorghum grown in this colony whilst the present import duty of one halfpenny per pound continues; but, if the import duty is increased, then an excise duty may be levied so long as one halfpenny per pound at least remains as the difference of duty charged on sugar imported and sugar produced in the colony from beet-root or sorghum 20 grown in this colony.

4. If during fifteen years after the passing of this Act the present If import duty import duty on sugar is removed or reduced, a sum shall be paid reduced or removed, bonus to be paid in during such removal or reduction per pound for all sugar produced in equivalent. this colony from beet-root or sorghum grown in the colony to every 25 person producing the same equal to the duty so removed or reduced,

but never exceeding one halfpenny per pound.