

*New Parliament.*

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*House of Representatives,  
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*Mr. Brown.*

## GOLD DUTIES ABOLITION.

### ANALYSIS.

Title.  
Preamble.  
1. Short Title.

2. Export duty on gold abolished, but not in North Island, except on certain conditions.

### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to abolish Duties on Gold, and for other Purposes. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the duties upon gold should be abolished: Preamble.

5 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 is “The Gold Duties Abolition Act, 1884.” Short Title.

10 2. From and after a date to be fixed by the Governor in Council the duty now levied upon the exportation of gold shall be abolished: Provided, however, that this Act shall not apply to the North Island unless the following conditions are first complied with:— Export duty on gold abolished, but not in North Island, except on certain conditions.

15 (1.) That a petition in favour thereof is presented to the Governor from not less than one-half of the holders of miners' rights residing and mining in any mining district in the said Island, praying the Governor to bring this Act into operation within such mining district;

20 (2.) That public notice shall be advertised in some newspaper circulating in the mining district proposed to be proclaimed once at least in each of four weeks immediately preceding the presentation of any petition, signed by a Resident Magistrate, stating that a petition duly signed as aforesaid is to be presented;

25 (3.) That the counties and boroughs receiving the revenues derived from the duties upon gold in any such mining district from which a petition is presented pass resolutions, and forward the same to the Governor, praying that this Act may be brought into force.

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giving such notice, the person so desiring to free himself from such share shall cause a like notice as hereinbefore mentioned to be published at least twice in some public newspaper circulating in the district where such company shall carry on operations.

But nothing in this section shall be deemed to relieve any transferor from any liability with which he may be chargeable under the provisions of section three of "The Mining Companies Act 1872 Amendment Act, 1883."

3. If the manager shall not make the entry as and when he is in the preceding section required, the said receipt shall, after the lapse of *seven* days, be conclusive evidence that the share has been transferred to the company; and thenceforth the person by whom or on whose behalf the transfer was required shall be freed from the share and all liability thereon, except for any liability incurred prior to the transfer thereof: Provided that, in so far as respects any such liability as last mentioned, such person shall be deemed to be a contributory in cases where it may be necessary under the provisions of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872," and the several amendments thereof, to determine who are contributories.

Section 54 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872," repealed.

2. 4. Section fifty-four of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—

Shares on which calls remain unpaid after ninety days forfeitable by resolution of directors.

Any share upon which a call due thereon shall, after the expiration of ninety days from the day upon which it shall be due, be unpaid may be declared forfeited by resolution of the directors of the company; and upon such resolution such share shall be absolutely forfeited without any other proceeding.

Section 55 of "The Mining Companies Act, 1872," and section 11 of Amendment Act, 1883, amended.

3. 5. Section fifty-five of the said Act, and section eleven of "The Mining Companies Act 1872 Amendment Act, 1883," are hereby amended as follows: The words "or calls" are hereby inserted after the word "call" throughout the said sections, which shall be read and construed as though the words hereby inserted were incorporated therewith.

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6. Section fourteen of "The Mining Companies Act 1872 Amendment Act, 1883," is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "except a transferor to the company" after the word transferor, and by the addition after the last word in the said section of the words "but nothing in this proviso shall be deemed to apply to any transferor who shall have transferred his shares to the company under the provisions of sections two and three of this Act, or shall be pleadable in bar to any proceeding whatsoever taken against such transferor as last aforesaid for the recovery of any contribution which, under the provisions of the said Act, and the several amendments thereof, he may be otherwise liable to pay."