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LAW OF COPYRIGHT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law of Copyright.

Title.
Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage due provision for the permanent recording of books, newspapers, periodicals, and other published records printed within the colony, and also to afford greater encouragement to the production of literary works in the colony, and as far as can be to constitute a lasting monument of the literature of the colony, as well as to afford immediate and easy access to such works :

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Copyright Act, 1889," and it shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation.

Interpretation.

2. In the construction of this Act the word "book" shall mean and include any book, newspaper, magazine, cartoon, or other publication printed or published within the colony of New Zealand, and any volume or part of any book.

20 3. The imprint upon any book shall be *prima facie* evidence of the identity of the printer or publisher thereof.

Identity of printer or publisher.

4. Every person who prints or publishes any book in the colony shall within forty-eight hours after the same is printed or published transmit at least one copy of such book to the Librarian of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Zealand, and at least one copy thereof to each of the respective librarians of the public libraries in the Cities of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

Book printed in colony to be deposited in certain libraries.

30 5. The librarian receiving such copy shall forthwith forward to the sender a receipt for the book so received, and shall deposit the book in the library.

Acknowledgment of book.

Book may be posted
free of postage.

6. Any book required by this Act to be transmitted as aforesaid may be transmitted by enclosing the same under cover free of post addressed to the Librarian, Parliamentary Buildings, Wellington, or as the case may be, and it shall be the duty of the Postmaster or postal servants, on request, to deliver to the applicant so posting any such book a registered receipt for same without charge; this Act being specially quoted on the addressed envelope or cover of the said book. 5

Penalty in case of
default.

7. If default is made by any person in duly transmitting or depositing any book as required by this Act, he shall be liable to a penalty equal in amount to the market price of the book, being in no case more than *five* pounds: 10

Proviso.

Provided always that the proceedings for the recovery of the penalty shall be commenced within one month after the date of the offence. 15