AS REPORTED FROM THE GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE, 1st August, 1899.]

Mr. R. McKenzie.

MINERS' RIGHTS FEE REDUCTION.

ANALYSIS.

Title. I. Short Title. 2. Fee for miner's right. 3. Fee as to miners' rights in relation to Native

A BILL INTITULED

An Acr to reduce the Fees payable in respect of Miners' Rights Title. in certain Cases.

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 Miners' Rights Fee Short Title.

Reduction Act, 1899."

2. The fee payable upon the issue of a miner's right is hereby re- Fee for miner's 10 duced to one five shillings in every case where the miner's right does right. not relate to Native ceded land, and subsection eight of section sixty-two of "The Mining Act, 1898," is hereby modified accordingly.

3. In the case of miners' rights relating to any specified block Fee as to miners' 15 of Native ceded land, the fee may be reduced to one five shillings in rights in relation to Native land. the cases and subject to the conditions set forth in section sixty-three of the aforesaid Act; and subsections one and two of that section are hereby modified accordingly by substituting the words "ene five shillings" in lieu of the words "ten shillings" wherever the latter 20 words occur therein.