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PHOTOGRAPHIC COPYRIGHT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

- 2. Copyright law to apply to certain photographs without registration.
- 3. Penalty for publishing protected photographs without authority.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to protect certain Photographs.

Title.

BE IT 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 Photographic Copyright Act, 1896." Short Title.

2. The protection of the copyright law shall, in respect of photographs other than the portraits of individuals, apply in all respects as if such photographs had been duly registered and protected under such law in favour of the person or firm taking and producing such photographs, for a period of *five* years from the date of the first taking the same, if the word "Protected," followed by the name of the person or firm taking such photographs, and the true date of such taking, are made part of the original plate, and clearly appear in each reproduction thereof. Copyright law to apply to certain photographs without registration.

3. Any person publishing any copy of such photograph without the authority of the person or firm protected under this Act, shall be liable on conviction to a penalty in respect of each copy so published without authority not exceeding *twenty* shillings; and all copies so published without authority may be ordered to be destroyed. Proceedings under this section may be by way of summary procedure before any two Justices of the Peace. Penalty for publishing protected photographs without authority.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1896.