

NEW ZEALAND.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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ANALYSIS:

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| Title. | affecting Lands of the Crown being high- |
| Preamble. | ways and beds of rivers, &c. |
| 1. Short Title. | 3. Laws already passed to be deemed valid |
| 2. Laws may be passed by Provincial Councils | from passing thereof. |

A BILL INTITULED—

**AN Act to enable Provincial Councils to
make Laws affecting Public Roads and
Watercourses.**

WHEREAS by the "Constitution Act" it is enacted that it shall not be lawful for the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any Province to make or ordain any Law or Ordinance for the purpose of affecting Lands of the Crown; and whereas it is expedient that such restriction should not extend to land which has been given up for public highways nor to the beds of rivers streams and creeks,

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 shall be "The Provincial Councils Powers Extension Act, 1863."

2. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any Province with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof to make and ordain any law or ordinance affecting land of the Crown over which any public street, road, highway or throughfare exists or shall hereafter exist and which is or shall hereafter be the bed of any river, stream or creek; Provided always that such law or ordinance shall be passed for the purpose of authorising the making or carrying on of some work of utility to the public or to the inhabitants of some particular town, village or district: Provided also that every such Law or Ordinance affecting any part of a river, stream, or creek, affected by the tides, shall be reserved for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon.

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from passing thereof.

3. All provisions of any Acts or Ordinances passed by any Superintendent and Provincial Council which would have been legal and valid if this Act had been in force at the time of the passing of such Acts or Ordinances, shall be and be deemed to have been valid as from the time of passing thereof, and all acts done under the authority of any such provisions shall be effectual accordingly.