

Mr. Sidey.

PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Power to pull down ruinous or insanitary buildings.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Public Health Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Health Amendment Act, 1910, and it shall form part of and be read together with the Public Health Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. Section ninety of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following section substituted in lieu thereof:—

Power to pull down ruinous or insanitary buildings.

“90. (1.) On the certificate of the District Health Officer that any building or part of a building is, by reason of its ruinous or insanitary condition or otherwise, unfit for occupation or dangerous to public health, the local authority may give notice to the owner thereof requiring him to pull down the same within a time named in the notice.

“(2.) In lieu of requiring the owner to pull down any such building, the local authority may, by a like notice, require the owner within a time named in the notice to make such structural alterations or additions to the building as the District Health Officer directs.

“(3.) If the owner fails to comply with any such requisition within the time named in the notice, any Magistrate shall, on the application of the local authority or the District Health Officer, and after notice to the owner, and upon proof of compliance with the foregoing provisions of this section, order such building or any part thereof to be pulled down at the expense in all things of the owner.

“(4.) If the local authority fails to give any such notice as is mentioned in subsections *one* and *two* hereof, then the District Health Officer may himself give such a notice to the owner.

“(5.) If within the time named in such notice by the District Health Officer the owner fails to comply with the requisition of such notice, it shall be lawful for any Magistrate, on the application of the District Health Officer, and after notice to the owner, and after hearing such evidence as may be adduced for or against such application, to order such building or any part thereof to be pulled down at the expense in all things of the owner.”