

Hon. Mr. Ward.

POST OFFICE ACTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Post Office Acts.

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 Post Office Acts Amendment Act, 1891." Short Title

2. (1.) The postage payable within the colony upon any letter and newspaper as respectively specified in the Schedule hereto shall be levied according to the scale and at the rate set forth and indicated in and by the said Schedule : Postage payable on letters and newspapers, as specified in Schedule.

(2.) The postage payable within the colony upon book-packets, books, circulars, and such other articles or things as the Governor in Council may from time to time determine, shall be levied according to such scale and at such rates as shall be fixed by the Governor in Council, who may from time to time vary, alter, or abolish the same : Postage on book-packets, &c., to be fixed by Governor in Council.

(3.) This section shall come into operation upon such day as the Governor in Council may fix, and thereupon section fifteen of "The Post Office Act, 1881," and the Second Schedule thereto, shall be and be deemed to be respectively repealed. Repeal.

3. After the passing of this Act the amount for which a postal note may be issued under the provisions of "The Post Office (Postal Notes) Act, 1885," (herein referred to as "the said Act,") may be for any sum not exceeding five pounds, and all the provisions of the said Act relating to postal notes shall extend and apply to the notes authorised to be issued by this Act. Amount and currency of postal notes extended.

The currency of all postal notes issued under the said Act or this Act, after the passing of this Act, shall be extended to *twelve months* from the date of issue, and the said Acts and all regulations made thereunder shall be read and construed accordingly.

“ Parcel ” deemed letter within meaning of “ The Post Office Act, 1881.”

4. Subject to any regulations now or hereafter in force under section eleven of “ The Post Office Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1886,” every “ parcel,” as the same is defined in section two thereof, shall be deemed to be a letter within the meaning of “ The Post Office Act, 1881,” for all purposes connected with the receipt, transmission, or delivery of any such parcel by or through the Post Office. 5 10

Engraved stamps may be used on envelopes, &c.

5. The Postmaster-General may from time to time make and issue to the public envelopes or wrappers of various sizes and forms, bearing thereon printed, engraved, or lithographed stamps, of such denominations of value as he may think fit. Every stamp so printed, engraved, or lithographed, shall be so placed on the envelope or wrapper as to permit of the address thereon being written on or across the face of the stamp, and every stamp on or across which the address is so written shall be deemed sufficiently defaced without any stamp or other obliterating mark. 15 20

Subject to this enactment all such envelopes or wrappers shall be deemed to be post letters, and may be transmitted by post between places within New Zealand, and all the provisions of “ The Post Office Act, 1881,” and all regulations from time to time in force thereunder for the making and sale of postage labels, and all other provisions of the said Act, shall extend and apply to such envelopes or wrappers, and to any die, plate, or stamp, made or used by or under the direction of the Postmaster-General for the purposes of this Act. 20

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Letters.—On every letter posted at any post-office within the colony for delivery at or from such post-office or any other post-office within the colony—

- Not exceeding half an ounce... One Penny.
- Exceeding half an ounce, but not exceeding one ounce ... Twopence.
- For every half-ounce or fraction of half an ounce above one ounce ... One Penny.

Newspapers—

1. On every newspaper posted within the colony for delivery within the colony, or to be transmitted to any of the Australasian Colonies: One halfpenny.
2. On every other newspaper posted within the colony for transmission beyond the colony otherwise than hereinbefore mentioned: Such rates as may be fixed by the Governor in Council from time to time.