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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.

Legislative Council,
13th September, 1872.

(Hon. Mr. Farmer.)

Protection of Animals.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	3. Section five of Act of 1868 amended.
Preamble.	4. No shooting in July.
1. Short Title.	5. Section nine of Act of 1868 repealed.
2. Section thirty of Act of 1867 amended.	6. Seals to be killed only during four months.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Protection of Animals Act, 1867," and "The Protection of Animals Act Amendment Act, 1868."

WHEREAS it is expedient better to provide against the destruction of pheasants and seals in New Zealand:

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 Protection of Animals Act, 1872."

2. Section thirty of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1867," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz.:—

Every person who shall sell offer for sale or expose for sale, and every holder of a license to sell game, who shall have in his possession, or shall in any manner dispose of, any dead hen pheasant or any dead tui, shall on conviction forfeit and pay for every such act a sum not exceeding twenty pounds; and if such person hold a license to kill or sell game, such license shall, on conviction, become *ipso facto* void.

3. Section five of "The Protection of Animals Act Amendment Act, 1868," and the Schedule to that Act, are hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz.:—

Nothing in the eighteenth section of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1867," shall prevent any person in *bona fide* occupation of any land not being waste lands of the Crown, or some one person appointed by him, from pursuing taking or killing game on such land, or subject any such person to any penalty for so doing.

4. So much of section eleven of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1867," as permits game to be hunted shot taken or killed during the month of July is hereby repealed; and licenses under section nineteen of the said Act shall be in force until the thirtieth of June only, and licenses under section twenty until the seventh of July only; and the forms of licenses shall be altered accordingly.

5. Section nine of "The Protection of Animals Act Amendment Act, 1868," is hereby repealed.

6. No person shall hunt take or kill any fur seal except during the months of June, July, August, and September in each year, under a penalty of twenty pounds for each seal so hunted taken or killed.