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PROTECTION OF CROPS.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Definition of "animals." 3. Local bodies may apply funds to destruction of birds or animals injurious to crops. 4. Such moneys may be spent outside of districts.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to authorize Local Bodies to appropriate their Funds towards Title. the Destruction of Birds and other Animals injurious to Crops.

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 Protection of Crops Act, Short Title.

2. In this Act, "animals," and "bird," respectively mean any Definition of animals or birds not declared to come within the operation of any Act "animals." for the time being in force relating to the protection of animals.

3. Notwithstanding anything in any other Act contained, every Local bodies may 10 County Council and Road Board may from time to time, by an ordin- apply funds to desary resolution thereof respectively, apply so much as they shall think truction of birds or animals injurious to fit, out of the County Fund or Road District Fund respectively, towards crops. the destruction of any kind or kinds of birds or animals which by their 15 increase have become or threaten to become injurious to crops of any

kind.

4. All such moneys may be spent in such manner as the County Such moneys may be Council or Road Board applying the same shall think the more fitting spent outside of district. for attaining their object, whether the same be expended within or 20 beyond the limits of their respective districts.

By Authority: George Didsbury. Government Printer, Wellington.-1881.

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