

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

*House of Representatives,  
8th September, 1881.*

*Mr. Saunders.*

## PROTECTION OF CROPS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize Local Bodies to appropriate their Funds towards the Destruction of Birds and other Animals injurious to Crops. 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 Protection of Crops Act, 1881." Short Title.

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

3. Notwithstanding anything in any other Act contained, every County Council and Road Board may from time to time, by an ordinary resolution thereof respectively, apply so much as they shall think fit, out of the County Fund or Road District Fund respectively, towards the destruction of any kind or kinds of birds or animals which by their increase have become or threaten to become injurious to crops of any kind: Provided that the sums so applied in any one year shall not exceed a sum that might be raised by the levy of a rate of three halfpence in the pound on the rateable value of lands in the county or road district affected. Local bodies may apply funds to destruction of birds or animals injurious to crops.

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

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