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, 29th October, 1914.

Hon. Mr. Fraser.

## PUBLIC WORKS AMENDMENT.

## ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Crown may acquire and hold water-rights in the same manner as private persons.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1908.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Works Amendment Short Title. Act, 1914, and shall form part of and be read together with the Public Works Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. (1.) The Minister, or any person authorized by him, may, on Crown may acquire behalf of the Crown, acquire rights in respect of any water-race and hold water-rights in the same within a mining district in the same manner in all respects as if he manner as private were a private person.

(2.) All rights in respect of water-races in mining districts here-15 tofore acquired by or on behalf of the Crown shall be deemed to have been validly acquired.

(3.) The rights heretofore or hereafter acquired by or on behalf of the Crown as aforesaid shall not be liable to forfeiture for any cause whatsoever.

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