Mr. Harkness.

ROAD BOARDS ACT 1882 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Road Boards Act, 1882" (herein called Title. "the said Act").

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Road Boards Act 1882 Short Title.

Amendment Act, 1893."

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, or in Qualification of 10 any Act amending the same, no person who in the district he seeks to represent is not an "occupier" within the meaning of section two of "The Rating Act, 1882," or some Act amending the same, shall be qualified to become or to remain a member of any Road Board though his name be on the valuation-roll.

3. No person not an occupier within the meaning of section two only occupiers of "The Rating Act, 1882," or some Act amending the same, shall allowed to vote. be entitled to vote at any election for a member or members of a Road Board although his name is on the valuation-roll thereof.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Regulation of Question to be put 20 Local Elections Act, 1876," the Returning Officer at any Road Board officer to voters. election may, and if so required by any scrutineer shall, put the following question to any person proposing to vote: "Do you possess the qualification placed opposite your name on the valuation-roll of this district?" Any person not answering such question in the affirm-25 ative shall not be permitted to vote.

5. Any person who applies or wilfully and knowingly consents to Penalty for making have his name placed on the valuation-roll of any road district, knowing that he is not an "occupier" within the meaning of section two of "The Rating Act, 1882," or some Act amending the same, shall, 30 on conviction therefor before any two Justices of Peace, be liable to a penalty of not less than two pounds or more than twenty pounds.

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6. Notwithstanding anything contained in section four of "The Road Boards Act, 1882," it shall be sufficient if a petition to the Council praying for the constitution or a new road district be signed by two-thirds of the ratepayers for the area to be comprised in the proposed new road district, and otherwise be prepared and notified as in the said section four mentioned. Upon the presentation of such petition, duly signed, the Council shall forthwith proceed to constitute such new district.

By Authority: SAMUEL COSTALL, Government Printer, Wellington.—1893.