

Hon. Mr. McKenzie.

ROADS VALIDATION.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to declare certain Roads and Paths to be Public Highways. 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 Roads Validation Act, 1893." Short Title.

2. Every road, track, or path in use by the public, which has been formed or improved out of the public funds, or out of the funds of any former Province or out of the District Fund of any local authority, is hereby declared to be a public highway; and upon the deposit of a sufficient plan thereof with the Chief Surveyor of any land district in which such road may be, and upon the approval thereof by the said Chief Surveyor, the same shall be registered by the District Land Registrar or Registrar of Deeds of the district, against the properties which it affects. Roads in user to vest in the Queen.

From the date of registration, the soil of every such highway for a width of fifty links on either side of the middle line thereof shall become and be vested absolutely in Her Majesty the Queen.

3. Every road taken, constructed, or used under the authority of any Provincial Government or local authority may, notwithstanding any legal or technical informality in the taking or construction thereof, be registered in manner provided in the last-preceding section, and thereupon such road shall become and be a public highway, and the soil thereof be vested in Her Majesty. Taking of roads not invalidated for informality.