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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,
7th November, 1907.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Millar.

SEA-FISHERIES.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Sea-fisheries Act, 1894.

Title.

New preamble.

5 WHEREAS the present system of picking oysters will, if permitted to continue, result in the destruction of the oyster-beds of the North Island, and it is in the interest both of the pickers of oysters and of the inhabitants of the Dominion that some means should be adopted to preserve the said oyster-beds from unnecessary destruction : Preamble.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Sea-fisheries Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Sea-fisheries Act, 1894 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

15 2. (1.) The Minister may from time to time employ such persons as he considers necessary for the purpose of picking oysters from any oyster-fishery in the North Island, and for the like purpose may purchase or hire such boats and implements as may be necessary. Oyster-picking in certain fisheries.

20 (2.) The Minister may cause the oysters so picked to be sold either wholesale or by retail, and for that purpose may acquire such premises as he considers necessary.

(3.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations for the effectual carrying-out of this section. 25

3. (1.) The Governor may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that any oyster-fishery or subdivision thereof in the North Island shall be set apart for the purposes of the *last preceding* section. Governor may set apart oyster-fishery.

30 (2.) Every unauthorised person who takes oysters from any fishery so set apart is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds.

Expenditure and receipts.

4. All expenses incurred under this Act shall be paid out of moneys to be appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, and all moneys received under this section shall be paid into the Public Account and shall form part of the Consolidated Fund.

Stacking rock oysters without permit, &c.

5. Every person ~~not being the holder of a lease or license~~ is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds who stacks, paddocks, or beds down rock oysters without a permit from a Collector of Customs. 5

Regulations.

6. (1.) In addition to the several matters mentioned in the principal Act with respect to which regulations may be made, the Governor in Council may make regulations prohibiting or regulating 10 the possession of oysters during the close season:

Provided that oysters deposited during the oyster season in any freezing-works or freezing-chamber may be taken out for consumption during the close season under a permit granted by a Collector of Customs or Inspector of Fisheries. 15

(2.) Section three of the Fisheries Conservation Acts Amendment Act, 1906, is hereby amended by omitting the words " or oysters " and " or oyster " in paragraph (a).