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An Acr to amend the Sea-fisheries Act, 1894.

[19th November, 1907.

Preamble.

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:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,

as follows:---

Short Title.

- 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).
- Oyster-picking in certain fisheries.
- 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.
 - (2.) The Minister may cause the oysters so picked to be sold, and for that purpose may acquire such premises as he considers
 - (3.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations for the effectual carrying-out of this section.

Governor may set apart oyster-fishery.

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

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

5. Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds Stacking rock who stacks, paddocks, or beds down rock oysters without a permit oysters without from a Collector of Creaternal Contraction of Contraction of Creaternal Contraction of Contraction from a Collector of Customs.

6. (1.) In addition to the several matters mentioned in the Regulations. principal Act with respect to which regulations may be made, the Governor in Council may make regulations prohibiting or regulating 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.

(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).

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