

Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL STATISTICS.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for collecting Statistical Information relating to the Agricultural and Pastoral Industries of the Colony. Title.

5 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 Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics Act, 1895." Short Title.

10 2. An account shall be taken in each year of the land occupied for agricultural and pastoral purposes in the colony, and of the live-stock thereon. Agricultural and pastoral statistics to be taken every year.

3. Such account—

Time and mode of taking account.

15 (1.) Shall be taken in such month and on such days as the Governor in Council from time to time directs;

(2.) Shall be so taken as to supply full and accurate information on such of the subjects referred to in the Schedule hereto as the Minister for Agriculture (hereinafter called "the Minister") from time to time directs;

20 (3.) Shall be taken according to such forms and instructions and in such manner as the Minister from time to time prescribes.

4. For the purposes of such account the Minister may from time to time divide the colony into districts, appoint Enumerators and Sub-enumerators for each district, and define their duties and functions and fix their remuneration. Districts and Enumerators.

5. Every owner or occupier of land and every owner or person in charge of live-stock shall, within the time limited in that behalf by the Minister, fill up and supply in the said forms, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the matters and particulars required by such Forms to be filled up with particulars required.

forms and the instructions accompanying the same, and sign such forms, and deliver the same, so filled up and signed, to the person authorised to receive the same.

Penalty for failure.

6. If any such owner, occupier, or person fails or neglects to faithfully comply with any of the provisions of the *last-preceding* section, he is liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds. 5

Return of statistics to be compiled.

7. From the account to be taken under this Act the Minister shall, with as little delay as possible, compile and publish in the *Gazette* a return setting forth the agricultural and pastoral statistics of the colony for the year. 10

Expenses of administration.

8. The expenses incurred in the administration of this Act shall be paid out of moneys to be appropriated by Parliament for that purpose.

Account under Census Act superseded.

9. Except when and so often as the Governor in Council otherwise directs, it is hereby declared that the account to be taken under this Act shall supersede the account referred to in section nineteen of "The Census Act, 1877," and that the Registrar-General, in lieu of taking that account, shall adopt and use for all the purposes of that Act the account to be taken under this Act. 15

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

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Land.

Extent of holding—freehold.
 Extent of holding—leasehold.
 Extent of land enclosed by non-rabbit-proof fencing.
 Extent of land enclosed by rabbit-proof fencing.
 Extent of land in wheat.
 Extent of land in oats.
 Extent of land in barley.
 Extent of land in maize or sorghum.
 Extent of land in rye or bere.
 Extent of land in hay.
 Extent of land in sown grasses.
 Extent of land in turnips or rape.
 Extent of land in mangold.
 Extent of land in pease or beans.
 Extent of land in beet, carrots, parsnips, onions, &c.
 Extent of land in potatoes.
 Extent of land in any other crop.
 Extent of land in garden, orchard, &c.
 Extent of land in plantations of forest trees.

Live-stock.

Number of sheep.
 Number of horses.
 Number of cattle.
 Number of swine.

Such other subjects and particulars as the Minister specifies from time to time in the forms to be prepared under this Act.