

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to prevent the Evasion of payment of Tolls at
Bridges and Ferries. 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 shall be "The Bridges and Ferries Act 1868." Short Title.

5 2. The Governor may from time to time by proclamation in the *New Zealand Gazette* declare this Act to be in operation in any province in New Zealand or in any county district or other division of the Colony to be defined in such proclamation not being within
10 Act shall come into operation within the province county district or other division named or defined therein as the case may be and not before.

Governor may bring this Act into force by proclamation.

3. In the interpretation of this Act the word "cattle" shall mean and include one or more horses mares geldings colts fillies bulls cows
15 oxen heifers calves rams ewes sheep lambs goats kids or swine. Interpretation.

4. Every person who shall cross or who shall cause any cattle to cross or who shall convey or cause to be conveyed any cattle or other animals or any cart vehicle or goods across any river creek or lake at opposite to or within one mile in a straight line from any point or
20 station within the Colony at which a public bridge or ferry for the convenience of crossing such river creek or lake is or shall be established and at which any toll rate or ferryage is by law payable without availing himself of the use of the bridge or of the services of the ferryman or the use of the ferry-boat or boats shall be liable for and shall pay to
25 the keeper of the toll-house or bar on such bridge or at which toll is payable by persons crossing or about to cross such bridge or to the ferryman (as the case may require) the toll ferryage or rate that would have been demandable in case such person had crossed the bridge or had employed the ferryman to convey him or such cattle
30 cart vehicle or goods across such ferry in the ferry-boat or boats as the case may be.

Persons crossing &c. within one mile of public bridge or ferry to pay toll or ferryage.

5. If any person shall neglect or refuse to pay any toll or ferryage payable under the last preceding section of this Act or shall be guilty of any evasion or attempt at evasion of the payment of any such toll
35 rate or ferryage every such person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding five pounds to be recovered by way of summary proceeding before two or more Justices of the Peace in the manner provided in and by "The Justices of the Peace Act 1866."

Penalty for evasion.

6. Every bridge or ferry shall be deemed to be a public bridge or
40 ferry as the case may require within the meaning of this Act which shall be proclaimed to be a public bridge or ferry as the case may be by the Governor by proclamation published in the *New Zealand Gazette* or by the Superintendent of the province within which such bridge or ferry shall be situated by any notice published in the Govern-
45 ment *Gazette* of such province. What to be deemed public bridge or ferry.

7. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to delegate as to any county district or division of the Colony not being within any province to such person as to the Governor in Council shall seem fit the power by this Act vested in the
50 Governor by proclamation to proclaim any bridge or ferry to be a public bridge or ferry and such delegations from time to time to alter and revoke. Governor may delegate powers to proclaim public bridges &c.