Bakers and Millers Act Amendment.

ANALYSIS.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Bakers and Millers Act, 1871."

B 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 Bakers and Millers Act Amendment Act, 1876."

2. In the interpretation of this Act the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there shall be something in the context inconsistent or repugnant thereto :---

"Fancy bread" means all bread usually sold as "cottage loaves," "twists," "French loaves," and all small bread not exceeding one pound in weight.

"Stale bread" means all bread that may have been manufactured for a period of twenty-four hours and upwards.

3. The tenth section of "The Bakers and Millers Act, 1871," (hereinafter called "the said Act,") is hereby repealed.

Nothing in this repeal shall interfere with the institution or prosecution of any proceeding in respect of any offence committed or any penalty incurred against or under the section so repealed.

4. Every person who shall make for sale, or sell or expose for sale, any bread not made up into loaves of two four six or eight pounds in weight respectively, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding the sum of ten shillings for every pound weight of such bread which shall be so made for sale or sold or exposed for sale.

5. Any Justice of the Peace may inspect any bread offered or exposed for sale or in the course of delivery to customers, and, if he shall think fit, may weigh the same with fit and proper scales and weights, or require the same to be weighed by the person who offers or exposes for sale such bread, or who is in the course of delivering such bread to customers; and in case any such bread shall be found deficient in weight, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding five pounds.

No person shall be liable to the aforesaid penalty in respect of any stale bread: Provided that if any person shall sell any loaf or loaves of stale bread which at the time of sale are deficient in weight, he shall make up such deficiency by adding thereto other bread; and in case of any person selling any stale bread deficient in weight, without making up such deficiency as aforesaid, he shall, for every loaf sold deficient in weight, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten shillings.

6. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for any person to make sell or expose for sale fancy bread otherwise than by weight.

By Authority : GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.