## Hon. Mr. Ward.

## BEET-ROOT SUGAR.

## ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Bonus to person first producing sugar in colony.

3. To be paid by instalments during period of

fifteen years. Rate.

4. Excise duty always to be one halfpenny less than import duty.

5. If import duty reduced or removed, equivalent to be paid.

6. Repeal.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to encourage the Production of Sugar from Beet-root and Title. Sorghum.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Beet-root Sugar Act, Short Title. 1895."

2. The Colonial Treasurer shall, out of the Consolidated Fund, Bonus to person 10 pay a bonus of fifty thousand pounds to the person first producing in first producing sugar in colony. the colony ten thousand tons of sugar from beet-root or sorghum grown in the colony.

3. The said bonus shall be paid by annual instalments extending To be paid by instalthrough a period of fifteen years from the first day of January, one period of fifteen 15 thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and calculated as to each years. year's instalment at the rate of one halfpenny for each pound of sugar Rate. so produced as aforesaid during that year.

4. (1.) No duty by way of excise or otherwise shall be levied Excise duty always during the aforesaid period of fifteen years on any sugar produced less than import 20 in the colony from beet-root or sorghum grown in the colony whilst duty. the present import duty of one halfpenny per pound continues.

(2.) In the event of both import and excise duties on sugar being levied, they shall at all times during the aforesaid period of fifteen years be so adjusted that there shall be a difference of at 25 least one halfpenny per pound in favour of sugar produced in the colony from beet-root or sorghum grown in the colony.

5. In the event of the present import duty on sugar being reduced or removed during the aforesaid period of fifteen years, there shall be paid during the continuance of such reduction or removal, paid. 30 for all sugar produced in the colony from beet-root or sorghum grown in the colony, to the person producing the same, a sum equal to the

duty so reduced or removed but not exceeding one halfpenny per

pound. 6. "The Beet-root Sugar Act, 1884," is hereby repealed.

Repeal.