

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.
Legislative Council,
25th August, 1870.

(Hon. Mr. Gisborne.)

Census Acts Amendment.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Governor may appoint general census to be taken in 1871 instead of 1870.</p> <p>3. If general census taken in 1870, then account provided for by "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," shall be taken at same time, notwithstanding that it has been already taken for 1870.</p>	<p>4. Additional particulars required at general census.</p> <p>5. When any person objects to state whether he belongs to any or what religious denomination, the word "Objects" may be stated instead.</p> <p>6. Account of "Extent of Land Fenced" not to be taken.</p> <p>Schedule.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Census Act, 1858," and other Acts amending the same. 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 Census Acts Amendment Act, 1870." Short Title.

2. If no month or time in the present year is appointed by the Governor in Council under the powers conferred on him by "The Census Act Amendment Act, 1860," for taking the census or account provided to be taken by "The Census Act, 1858," as amended by "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," and this Act, and if the said census be not taken in the month of December next, such census or account shall, instead of being taken in and for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in accordance with the provisions of "The Census Act, 1858," be taken in and for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, in such month and on such day or days in the said year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one as the Governor in Council shall, by Proclamation published in the Government *Gazette*, appoint; and all the provisions of "The Census Act, 1858," as amended by "The Census Act Amendment Act, 1860," and "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," and this Act, shall apply to such time or times and the account to be then taken. Governor may appoint general census to be taken in 1871 instead of 1870.

3. In the event of the general census or account provided to be taken by "The Census Act, 1858," being taken in this present year, the Governor in Council may, by Proclamation published in the Government *Gazette*, appoint that the additional account provided to be taken by the fourth section of "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," shall be taken in and for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in the same month and on the same day or days in and If general census taken in 1870, then account provided for by "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," shall be taken at same time, notwithstanding that it has been already taken for 1870.

on which the general census provided for by "The Census Act, 1858," shall be taken, and this notwithstanding that such additional account has already been taken in this present year, and in the event of the said additional account being taken again in this present year, in accordance with the provisions contained in this section, then no addition account shall be taken under "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," in and for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, but the next account shall be taken in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two; and "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," shall apply to such time or times, and the account to be then taken, as fully as if such time or times had been specified in the fourth section of "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867."

Additional particulars required at general census.

4. In addition to the matters specified in the Schedule to "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," information shall be obtained by the Enumerators and Sub-Enumerators at every general census and by the Collectors at every account taken under the fourth section of "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," with respect to the subjects comprised in the Schedule to this Act.

When any person objects to state whether he belongs to any or what religious denomination, the word "Objects" may be stated instead.

5. In any Form of Return in which the religious denomination of any person is to be filled in, the occupier or person in charge of any dwelling-house, or other person whose duty it is to fill up such form, may, if the person whose religious denomination is to be filled in objects to state whether he belongs to any or what religious denomination, fill in the word "Objects," instead of the religious denomination of such person, and that shall be deemed a sufficient compliance with the law.

Account of "Extent Land Fenced" not to be taken.

6. The words "Extent of Land Fenced" shall be omitted from the Schedule to "The Census Acts Amendment Act, 1867," and the said Act and the Schedule thereto shall be construed and read as if the said words did not appear therein.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Quantity of Wheat remaining on hand when Form is filled up.
 Quantity of Oats remaining on hand when Form is filled up.
 Quantity of Barley remaining on hand when Form is filled up.