

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

COUNTIES ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Counties Act, 1886."

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 is "The Counties Act Amendment Act, 1904"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Counties Act, 1886" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. No special order under section fifty-three of the principal Act merging any road district or town district shall have effect until it is gazetted; and that section is hereby modified accordingly.

Special order merging road district, &c., to be gazetted.

3. (1.) A copy of every by-law made under section three hundred and eleven of the principal Act by a Council, providing for the licensing of vehicles plying for hire, shall, within one week after the making thereof, be sent by the Council to the Minister for Public Works.

Power to disallow by-law relating to vehicle-licensing.

(2.) The said Minister may at any time *within two years* thereafter disallow any such by-law or any part thereof, and on such disallowance being gazetted, the by-law or part thereof shall cease to have effect; but such disallowance shall not affect the validity of anything theretofore done under the by-law or part thereof so disallowed.

(3.) Section three hundred and eleven of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the words "But no by-laws appointing the several sums" to the end of the section; and section two of "The Public Works and Government Railways Acts Amendment Act, 1895," is hereby amended by repealing the words "within twelve months" in paragraph (c) of subsection one.

New clauses.

Fees for licensing
billiard-rooms.

4. Any by-law made under the principal Act may provide for the licensing of billiard-rooms and for the payment of reasonable license-fees.

Section 283 of
principal Act
amended.

5. Section two hundred and eighty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the words "and shall be maintained" after the word "used" in subsection one thereof. 5

Pig-sty or fowl-
house.

6. It shall be an offence to erect or maintain any pig-sty or fowlhouse within twenty-five links of any public water-race: Provided such water-race is not within a goldfields district. 10

Payment to ceme-
tery trustees.

7. Any County Council may out of the general fund vote a sum not exceeding thirty pounds in any one year to any cemetery trustees within the county for cemetery-improvement purposes.