Hon. Mr. Seddon.

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title.

2. Poll-tax increased to £100.

3. Section 9 of principal Act amended.4. Number of Chinese to be brought to colony

5. Duration of Act.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to further amend the Law regulating the Immigration of Title. Chinese.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the present session of Parliament, Preamble. 5 and intituled "The Asiatic Restriction Act, 1896," the provisions hereinafter contained were enacted respecting Asiatics, but that Act has been reserved by His Excellency the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and it is expedient in the meantime to bring those provisions into operation respecting Chinese 10 in manner hereinafter appearing:

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Chinese Immigrants Short Title. 15 Act Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

2. Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended by substi- Poll-tax increased

tuting the words "one hundred" in lieu of the word "ten."

3. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by sub- section 9 of 20 stituting the words "one hundred" in lieu of the word "ten" where amended. that word first occurs therein.

4. Section four of "The Chinese Immigrants Act Amendment Number of Chinese Act, 1888," is hereby amended by substituting the words "two colony limited. 25 hundred tons" in lieu of the words "one hundred tons."

5. This Act shall continue in operation until the coming into Duration of Act. operation of "The Asiatic Restriction Act, 1896," but no longer.