

Hon. Mr. Shrimski,

## CORONERS' INQUESTS.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Coroners' Inquests.

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 Coroners' Inquests Act, 1890."

Short Title.

2. The deadhouse of every public hospital, in cases where there is no building specially set apart for a morgue within two miles of such deadhouse, shall be taken and deemed to be a public morgue; and the officer in charge of such hospital shall, at the request of any Justice of the Peace, or officer or constable of police, receive into such deadhouse any dead body which may be brought thereto for the purpose of an inquest being held thereon; and if the officer in charge of such hospital shall refuse to receive such dead body for the purpose aforesaid he shall, on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding five pounds: Provided always that the inquest upon such dead body shall not be held upon the premises of such hospital without the consent of the Medical Superintendent first had and obtained.

Deadhouse of hospital to be public morgue.

3. No inquest or inquiry under "The Coroners Act, 1867," or any amendment thereof, shall be held upon the premises of any licensed publican if there shall be a Courthouse, police-station, or other public building whereat such inquest or inquiry can be conveniently held situate within a distance of two miles of such licensed premises.

Inquest or inquiry not to be held in licensed house.

By Authority : GEORGE DIDSBUY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1890.