This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 28th September, 1896.

[As amended by the Legislative Council.]

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

# CHATTELS TRANSFER ACT AMENDMENT.

#### ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble.

1. Short Title. 2. Validation of past registration. 3. Distances to be calculated in straight lines. 4. Cheviot and Amuri deemed situate within Provincial District of Canterbury

5. Not to affect proceedings commenced.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Transfer of Chattels. Title.

### Struck out.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the method of calculating 5 distances for the purposes of the registration of instruments, and it is expedient to set such doubts at rest:

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 Chattels Transfer Act Short Title. 10 Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Chattels Transfer Act Amendment Act, 1895."

## New clause.

1A. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, "the Interpretation. 15 principal Act" means "The Chattels Transfer Act, 1889;" "the Amendment Act" means "The Chattels Transfer Act Amendment Act, 1895."

2. The provisions of subsection one of section five of the Validation of past Chattels Transfer Act Amendment Act, 1895, shall extend and apply registration. 20 be deemed to have extended and applied to every instrument registered before the coming into operation of this Act, anything in subsection two of the same section to the contrary notwithstanding.

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3. The provisions of the aforesaid subsection two shall apply to 25 all instruments registered after the coming into operation of this Act, and for the purposes of such registration distances shall be calculated in straight lines.

Distances to be calculated in straight lines.

New Clauses.

Section 5 of Amendment Act repealed.

3A. Section five of the Amendment Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that, in the event of there being more Registrars than one in any provincial district, the registration of an instrument pursuant to section four of the principal Act may be effected with and by any such Registrar.

Section 8 of principal Act repealed.

3B. Section eight of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof as from the date of the coming into operation of the principal Act: "The period within which an instrument may be registered is twenty-one days from the 10 day on which it was executed ": Provided that the day on which the instrument is executed shall not be included in the said period for registration:

Provided that instruments executed in the Chatham Islands or other dependency of New Zealand may be registered at any time 15 within ninety days from the execution thereof, and all instruments affecting chattels in the Chatham Islands or other dependency of New Zealand shall be registered in the Wellington Provincial Dis-

trict:

Provided further that when the time for registering an instru- 20 ment expires on a day on which the Registrar's office is closed the registration shall be valid if made on the next following day on which such office is open.

3c. If there be more than one grantor, the date of execution of the instrument shall be deemed to be the date of the execution by 25 the grantor who first executes the instrument.

4. For the purposes of such registration, the Counties of Cheviot and Amuri shall be deemed to be situate within the Provincial District of Canterbury.

Cheviot and Amuri deemed situate within Provincial District of Canterbury.

Date of execution

First Schedule of principal Act amended.

Section 31 of principal Act amended.

Not to affect proceedings commenced.

New Clauses. 4A. The word "precisely," in the paragraph numbered three of

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the form of affidavit in the First Schedule to the principal Act, shall be deemed not to have been inserted therein.

4B. Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by linserting the words "twenty-six" after the word "sections."

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect proceedings actually commenced at the time of the coming into operation hereof.

By Authority: John Mackay, Government Printer, Wellington.-1896.