Mr. Montgomery.

DOG REGISTRATION ACTS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to further amend "The Dog Registration Act, 1880." Title. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as fol-5 lows:

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Dog Registration Acts Short Title. Amendment Act, 1897."

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

"Cattle" means oxen or sheep of any age or sex: "Shepherd" means any person whose sole or principal business 10 and means of obtaining a livelihood is the management, care, or tending of cattle:

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"Drover" means any person whose sole or principal business and means of obtaining a livelihood is the driving of cattle:

"Farmer" means any person whose sole or principal business and means of obtaining a livelihood is farming, whether agricultural or pastoral, and in the conduct of whose business it is necessary that he should keep a dog or dogs for the purpose of the management or driving of cattle.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Dog Registra- Registration of 20 tion Act, 1880," or "The Dog Registration Act Amendment Act, cattle-dogs. 1882," any shepherd, drover, or farmer shall, upon making the declaration set out in the Schedule hereto, and upon otherwise complying with the provisions of the said first-mentioned Act, be 25 entitled to have any number of cattle-dogs not exceeding three, of which he is the owner, and which shall have been used by him only in his business, registered upon payment of a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each dog.

4. Such declaration shall be made before a Registrar, appointed Declaration to be 30 by the local authority under the said first-mentioned Act, to register dogs in the district in which the owner of such dog shall reside, which Registrar is hereby empowered to take the said declaration. No. 90—1.

Penalty for making alse declaration.

5. If any such declaration be untrue in any particular, the person making the same shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.

Number of dogs that may be regis-

6. No person shall apply to have more than three dogs registered in any one year within the colony under the provisions of this Act; and if any person shall in any year apply to have more than three dogs registered under this Act, the registration of all dogs registered by him in the same year under this Act shall become void, and such dogs shall thereupon be deemed to be unregistered, and such person shall not at any time thereafter be entitled to have any dogs registered 10 under this Act, and shall also be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.

Penalty.

Repeal.

7. "The Dog Registration Act Amendment Act, 1890," is hereby repealed.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

, do solemnly and sincerely declare,-1. I am a aforesaid. , and I reside at

- 2. I am the owner of the dogs named and described in the application to register such dogs which is hereunto annexed.
 - 3. The said dogs are necessary to me in the conduct of my said business.
- 4. The said dogs have hitherto been used by me only for the purpose of my said business.
- 5. I have not during this present year made application for the registration of any dog or dogs, other than those mentioned in the foregoing application, within the Colony, under the provisions of this Act. A.B.

Made before me this day of , 189

> A Registrar of Dogs for the District.

By Authority: John Mackay, Government Printer, Wellington-1897.

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