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, 21st July, 1904.

[As amended by the Legislative Council.]

Hon. Mr. Duncan.

## FENCING ACT AMENDMENT.

## ANALYSIS.

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2. Fencing covenants to run with land.

3. "Owner" redefined.

4. Section 23 of principal Act amended.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Law relating to Fencing.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Fencing Act Amend-Short Title. ment Act, 1904"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Fencing Act, 1895" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

2. Every covenant or agreement made or entered into between Fencing covenants 10 owners of adjoining lands for the purpose of modifying or vary- to run with land. ing the rights and liabilities conferred or imposed on them by the principal Act—

(a.) Shall run with the land, whether assigns be named therein or not; and

(b.) Where the land affected, or any part thereof, is subject to the provisions of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," shall be deemed to create an interest in land within the meaning of that Act, and shall be registrable accordingly: Provided, however, that the assigns shall not be bound unless the covenant or agreement is registered.

3. The interpretation of the word "owner" in section two of "Owner" redefined. the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows: "'Owner' includes a registered proprietor of any land, a tenant in fee-simple, a tenant in tail, a tenant for life, and a tenant 25 for any term of not less than ten years, and the trustee of any owner as herein defined, but does not include a mortgagee not in possession.

4. Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended Section 23 of by inserting, after the word "adopts," in subsection one, the words principal Act "or takes advantage of."