AS REFORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.]

House of Representatives, 21st July, 1920.

Hon. Mr. Anderson.

GAMING AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

lawful.	 Evidence as to business of bookmaker. Isolated acts of betting not an offence. Investments on totalizator not affected by this Act. Consequential amendments.
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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Gaming Act, 1908.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, Short Title. and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Gaming Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

- 2. The business or occupation of a bookmaker is hereby declared Business of 10 to be unlawful. Every person carrying on such business or occupa- bookmaker dec to be unlawful. tion commits an offence against this Act, and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of *five hundred* pounds or to imprisonment for a term of two years.
- 3. Every person who makes a bet with a bookmaker commits an Offence to make 15 offence against this Act, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine bets with bookmaker. of not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding one month.

4. In any prosecution for an offence against this Act the fact Evidence as to that a person has directly or indirectly offered to make a bet, business of hostmaker 20 or has knowingly issued or been knowingly party to the issue of any card or circular indicating in any manner where or with whom a bet may be made, or stating the odds upon or against any horse or event, shall be sufficient evidence, until the contrary is proved, that such person is carrying on the business or occupation of a bookmaker.

- 255. No person shall be deemed to commit an offence against this Isolated acts of Act by reason merely of the fact that he has made a bet with any betting not an other person upon any particular event, unless it is part of the business or occupation of either of such persons to make bets.
- 6. Nothing in this Act shall render unlawful investments of Investments on 30 money on the totalizator in accordance with the provisions of the totalizator not affected by this Act. principal Act.

No. 30-2.

Title.

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Consequential

7. (1.) Subsection two of section two of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed.

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(2.) Subsection three of section four of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"(3.) A bookmaker may be removed from a racecourse by any agent or servant of the racing club having the use or control of that racecourse or by any constable."

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