Hon. Mr. McGowan.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

4. Fan-tan an unlawful game. Title 5. Repeal. 1. Short Title. 6. Section 8 of principal Act extended. 2. Provisions as to lotteries extended. Indemnity to witnesses required to give evi-dence. Repeal. 3. Pa-ka-poo a lottery

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881." 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 Gaming and Lotteries short Title. Act Amendment Act, 1905"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

2. The provisions of the principal Act relating to lotteries shall Provisions as to 10 extend and apply to any lottery or scheme, whether promoted in New Zealand or elsewhere, and the principal Act and its amendments are hereby consequentially amended as follows :----

- (a.) As to section two of the principal Act: By repealing the words "where any lottery is conducted," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "where any lottery promoted in New Zealand, or any part of the business or operations of or connected with any lottery promoted elsewhere than in New Zealand, is conducted."
- (b.) As to section eighteen of the same Act: By repealing the words "and any person who shall manage or conduct, or assist in managing or conducting," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "whether promoted in New Zealand or elsewhere; and every person who manages or conducts, or assists in managing or conducting, or canvasses for subscribers to, or receives any money or valuable thing for tickets in or for any purpose connected with."
 - (c.) As to section five of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885": By adding, after the word "lottery," the words " or scheme "; and also, after the words "the said Act," the words " whether promoted in New Zealand or elsewhere."

3. (1.) The Chinese game known as pa-ka-poo and any similar Pa-ka-poo a lottery. 35 game are hereby declared to be lotteries within the meaning of the principal Act.

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(2.) The provisions of section five of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885," shall extend and apply to any person who buys a ticket in any game hereby declared to be a lottery or who takes any part therein as a member or otherwise.

Fan-tan an unlawful game.

Repeal.

Section 8 of principal Act extended.

Indemnity to witnesses required to give evidence.

Repeal.

4. The Chinese game known as fan-tan and any similar game 5 are hereby declared to be unlawful games within the meaning of the principal Act.

5. Sections nine and ten of the principal Act are hereby repealed.

6. For the purposes of section eight of the principal Act 10 "public place" includes any unfenced and unoccupied land in the vicinity of any public place as defined by section two of the principal Act.

7. (1.) The provisions of sections six to eight of "The Evidence Further Amendment Act, 1895," and of section two of "The 15 Evidence Further Amendment Act, 1901" (indemnifying witnesses required to give evidence), shall, *mutatis mutandis*, extend and apply to all proceedings in respect of any offence under the principal Act or any amendment thereof.

(2.) Sections twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one of the principal 20 Act, and section six of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885," are hereby repealed.

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