GUARANTEED BANKS AMALGAMATION PROHIBITION.

ANALYSIS.

Title.

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3. Guaranteed bank may not purchase, or amalgamate with, any other bank.

4. Contracts, &c., entered into with guaranteed bank contrary to this Act shall be null and

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to prevent Banks having the Guarantee of the Colony from Title. acquiring the Business of other Institutions without the authority of a Special Act.

5 BE IT 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 Guaranteed Banks Amal-Short Title. gamation Prohibition Act, 1894."

2. In this Act the words "guaranteed bank" mean and include Interpretation. 10 a banking company, the shares or any part of the shares whereof are guaranteed by the colony, or in respect of any of the engagements whereof the colony has incurred any liability, direct or indirect.

3. It shall not be lawful for a guaranteed bank to purchase or Guaranteed bank acquire the business or properties of any other banking company, or to may not purchase, or amalgamate with, 15 enter into any contract for amalgamation of business with any other any other bank. banking company, without the sanction of a special Act of the General Assembly.

4. Any contract or engagement made or entered into by or with Contracts, &c., a guaranteed bank contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be entered into with guaranteed bank 20 null and void, and all moneys paid or properties transferred by the contrary to Act shall guaranteed bank pursuant to any such invalid contract or engagement shall be recoverable by the guaranteed bank in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and proceedings for such recovery may be taken by the Colonial Treasurer in the name of such guaranteed bank.

be null and void.

25 5. Any person making or entering into or taking part in the Penalty. negotiation for any contract or engagement contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds for every day on which he shall have made any such contract or taken part in any such negotiation.