

[AS REPORTED FROM THE GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE,  
29TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.]

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

GOLD DUTIES.

ANALYSIS.

Title.  
1. Short Title.

2. Gold duty may be apportioned between neighbouring local authorities.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Allocation of Gold Duties. Title.

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 Gold Duties Act, 1903." Short Title.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in "The Gold Duties Act Amendment Act, 1882," the Governor may from time to time by Order in Council published in the Gazette distribute any part of the gold duty on gold produced in neighbouring boroughs or counties not exceeding one-half among such boroughs and counties local authorities and in such proportions as he deems just, having regard to the locality in which the gold was produced, and the extent to which streets, roads, and other public conveniences were used in connection with such production. Gold duty may be apportioned between neighbouring local authorities.

New subclause.

(2.) No such Order shall be made except on the award of the Warden, who may be directed by the Minister to make an inquiry and assess the proportions (if any) in which such gold duty should be paid to each local authority.