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(Mr. Mervyn.)

Gold Fields Acts Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," and the several Acts amending the same. 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 shall be "The Gold Fields Amendment Act, 1875 (No. 2)." Short Title.
2. This Act shall be read and construed with and as part of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," which last-mentioned Act, and the several Acts amending the same, is and are herein referred to as "the said Acts." Act to be read with and as part of Gold Fields Acts.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Acts, it shall be lawful for the Governor, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to grant agricultural leases for areas not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres in the whole for each lease; and every such lease shall be granted in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions by the said Acts prescribed. Area under agricultural leases not to exceed 320 acres.
4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressed or implied in "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," any person being the holder of an agricultural lease under the said Act, who shall occupy and carry on business on land held under such lease, shall be entitled and authorized so to do without payment for a business license under the said Act in that behalf. Agricultural leaseholder not required to hold business license.
5. The seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth sections of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," are hereby repealed: Provided always that this repeal shall not affect any act or proceeding done or commenced under the said sections hereby repealed, but the same may respectively be enforced and completed as if this Act had not been passed; and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:— Repeal clause.
6. The compensation to be paid for the determination of the lease, and for any improvements which may have been made on any lands which may hereafter be cancelled under the sixteenth section of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," shall be paid to the same amount and determined in the same manner as is provided in sections ninety-eight to one hundred and three (both inclusive) of "The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872," for the determination of pastoral leases over lands outside of gold fields. Compensation how determined.