

Greymouth Quays.

(Mr. W. H. Harrison.)

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to remove doubts as to the power of the Council of the Borough of Greymouth to levy Rates and Charges upon Shipping.

Title.

WHEREAS by "The County of Westland Act 1868" section one hundred and forty-two it is provided that "all wharves or quays on the River Grey within the limits of the Borough of Greymouth shall be under the sole control and management of the Council of the Borough of Greymouth and shall not be wharves or quays within the meaning or subject to the provisions of 'The Marine Act'" And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Council of the Borough of Greymouth to levy rates and charges upon shipping using such wharves or quays and it is expedient to remove the same

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Greymouth Quays Act 1869."

Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Council of the Borough of Greymouth to charge and recover wharfage and tonnage rates on such articles landed upon any wharf or quay on the River Grey within the limits of the Borough of Greymouth and upon such vessels loading unloading or refitting at or beside any such wharf or quay at such rates as the said Borough Council may from time to time determine.

Wharfage rates and tonnage dues may be levied.

3. Before any such rates shall be recoverable under the provisions of this Act a Schedule of the same and of the articles and vessels in respect of which the same are levied shall be published in the *County of Westland Gazette* and every alteration of or addition to the said Schedule shall be so published before any such alteration or addition shall have any force or effect.

Schedule of rates to be levied to be published.

4. All rates and charges made by the Borough Council of Greymouth prior to the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be rates and charges made under the provisions of this Act and shall be recoverable accordingly.

Rates hitherto levied to be recoverable under this Act.