This Public Bill originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

Legislative Council, 23rd October, 1877.

Hon. Mr. Hall.

Lotteries.

ANALYSIS.

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LOTTERIES.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to prevent Lotteries and to regulate Art Unions. 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 Lotteries and Art Short Title. 5 Unions Act, 1877."

LOTTERIES.

2. Save as hereinafter provided it shall not be lawful for any sale or disposal of person, under any pretence, form, denomination, or description whatperson, under any pretence, form, uchomination, of the solution of solution solver, or by means of any device or contrivance whatsoever, to sell or game of skill or change or by lottery 10 dispose of, or agree or promise, whether with or without consideration, chance or be prohibited. to sell or dispose of any lands or tenements, or any estate or interest therein, or any ship or vessel, goods, wares, or merchandise whatsoever, to or among any person or persons whomsoever, by means of any game of chance, or of any other contrivance or device whatsoever, whereby 15 any such lands or tenements, or estate or interest therein, or any ship or vessel, goods, wares, or merchandise shall be sold or disposed of, or divided or allotted to or among any person or persons, by lottery or chance, whether by the throwing or casting of any dice, or the drawing of any tickets, cards, lots, numbers, or figures, or by means of any 20 wheel, or otherwise howsoever.

3. Every person who shall, contrary to the provisions hereof, sell Penalties for inor dispose of, or agree or promise, whether with or without consideration, fringing Act. to sell or dispose of any lands or tenements, or any estate or interest therein, or of any ship or vessel, goods, wares, or merchandise what-25 soever, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, to be recovered in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace.

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Penalty for establishing lottery.

4. If any person, establish, commence, or be a partner in any lottery, or in any scheme by which prizes, whether of money or of any other matter or thing, are gained, drawn for, thrown or competed for, by lot, dice, or any other mode of chance, or sell or dispose of any tickets or other means by which permission or authority is gained or given to any person to throw for, compete, or have any interest in any such lottery or scheme, every such person, and any person who shall manage or conduct, or assist in managing or conducting, any such lottery or scheme, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, to be recovered in a summary way before two Justices of the Peace, and for any second offence, besides such penalty, shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

ART UNIONS.

Interpretation of term "Art Union." 5. The term "Art Union" means any voluntary association which has been or may hereafter be formed in any part of New Zealand for the purchase of paintings, drawings, sculpture, or other works of art to be afterwards allotted and distributed by chance or otherwise among the several members, subscribers, or contributors forming part of such association, or for raising sums of money by subscription or contribution to be allotted and distributed by chance or otherwise as prizes amongst the members, subscribers, or contributors forming part of such association, on the condition, nevertheless, that such sums of money so allotted and distributed be expended solely and entirely in the purchase of paintings, drawings, sculpture, or other works of art.

Act not to apply to Art Unions. 6. The second and third sections of this Act shall not apply to any Art Union as hereinbefore defined: Provided that no association shall be deemed to be an Art Union unless the deed of partnership or other instrument or instruments constituting such association, and the rules and regulations relating to the proceedings of such association, shall have first been submitted to the consideration and be approved of by Her Majesty's Attorney-General for the colony, and a copy thereof, duly certified by the said Attorney-General, have been deposited in the Colonial Secretary's office.

Clause to be inserted in instrument constituting Art Union empowering the Governor in Council to annul the instrument so far as relates to disposal by lottery.

7. In every deed or instrument constituting any Art Union there shall be inserted a clause that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, whenever it shall appear that any Art Union has ceased to be an Art Union within the meaning and for the purposes of this Act, to annul the deed or instrument of association under which such Art Union shall have been constituted, so far as relates to the powers of allotment, disposal, or distribution aforesaid.

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Art Union the instrument of association of which has been annulled to cease to be an Art Union for purposes of Act.

8. From and after the date of the publication in the New Zealand Gazette of an Order in Council annulling for the purposes aforesaid any deed or instrument of association, the Art Union whose deed or instrument of association shall have been so annulled shall cease to be an Art Union within the meaning of this Act.

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