

Hon. Mr. J. McKenzie.

LAND DRAINAGE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Power to compel Board to order removal of weeds and obstructions.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Drainage of Agricultural and Pastoral Lands. 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 Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1898." Short Title.

2. In any case where any ratepayer within a Road District or Town District by notice in writing requests the Board of such district to exercise the powers conferred upon it under section nine of "The Land Drainage Amendment Act, 1894" by ordering any specified occupier or owner of land to remove from any specified watercourse or drain all weeds and other growth or refuse and obstructions of any kind, and for the space of twenty-eight days after receipt of the notice the Board fails to comply therewith, then the following provisions shall apply:— Power to compel Board to order removal of weeds and obstructions.

(1.) Such ratepayer may, by complaint under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882" (the provisions whereof shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply), call upon the Board to appear before a Stipendiary Magistrate to show cause why such notice should not be complied with:

(2.) On the hearing of such complaint, the Magistrate shall have jurisdiction to determine whether and to what extent such notice should be complied with by the Board, and his decision shall be final:

Provided that any order made by the Board pursuant to the Magistrate's decision shall be subject to appeal as provided in the aforesaid section nine.