## Mr. De Lautour.

## MINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.

## ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Renewals of rights, &c., validated in certain

3. Titles may be surrendered and brought under the said Act without loss of priority of right.
4. Rights surrendered under "Mines Act, 1877," not to be affected as to priority.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to validate Renewals and to facilitate the Surrender of Rights Tide. in certain cases.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Par-5 liament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Mines Act 1877 Amend- Short Title.

ment Act. 1882."

2. Every miner's right, business license, and lease issued or granted Renewals of rights, under any Act repealed by "The Mines Act, 1877," hereinafter called &c., validated in 10 "the said Act," or under any regulations made thereunder, and which miner's right, business license, or lease has been renewed under the said Act, or under any regulations made thereunder, shall be in full force and effect, and shall confer the same rights and privileges, and entail the same penalties and obligations as if the renewal had been granted 15 under any Act so repealed as aforesaid, or under any regulations made thereunder: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or effect the validity of any miner's right, business license, or lease issued under any Act or regulations repealed by the said Act, which miner's right, business license, or lease has been renewed subsequent to the 20 tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in terms of the Act or regulations so repealed.

3. The owner of any claim, race, residence area, business site, or Titles may be surother mining tenement or easement under any Act repealed by the rendered and brought said Act, or under any regulations made under such Act so repealed, may without loss of pri-25 surrender the same and obtain a similar title to such claim, water-race, ority of right. residence area, business site, or other mining tenement or easement under the said Act, and such similar title so obtained shall not prejudice the rights enjoyed by the owner immediately prior to such surrender, but shall be of the same force and effect as if no such surrender 30 had been made.

4. Any claim, race, residence area, business site, or other mining Rights surrendered tenement or easement granted under any Act repealed by the said Act, under "Mines Act, 1877," not to be afor any regulations made under such repealed Act, and which has been feeted as to priority. surrendered under the said Act, shall have the same right as to priority 35 in regard to other rights of a similar nature granted subsequently to the date of such first issue and grant as if there had been no such surrender as aforesaid under the said Act.