

Mr. De Lautour.

MINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Renewals of rights, &c., validated in certain cases.</p> | <p>3. Titles may be surrendered and brought under the said Act without loss of priority of right.</p> <p>4. Rights surrendered under "Mines Act, 1877," not to be affected as to priority.</p> <p>5.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to validate Renewals and to facilitate the Surrender of Rights Title. in certain cases.

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 Mines Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. Every miner's right, business license, and lease issued or granted under any Act repealed by "The Mines Act, 1877," hereinafter called Renewals of rights, &c., validated in certain cases.

10 "the said Act," or under any regulations made thereunder, and which miner's right, business license, *water 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

15 renewal had been granted under any Act so repealed as aforesaid, or under any regulations made thereunder: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the validity of any miner's right, business license, or lease issued under any Act or regulations repealed by the said Act, which miner's right, business license, or lease has

20 been renewed subsequent to the tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in terms of the Act or regulations so repealed.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 The owner of any claim, race, residence area, business site, or other mining tenement or easement under any Act repealed by the

25 said Act, or under any regulations made under such Act so repealed, may surrender the same and obtain a similar title to such claim, water-race, residence area, business site, or other mining tenement or easement under the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 sur-

30 render, but shall be of the same force and effect as if no such surrender had been made.

Titles may be surrendered and brought under the said Act without loss of priority of right.

Rights surrendered under "Mines Act, 1877," not to be affected as to priority.

4. Any claim, race, residence area, business site, or other mining tenement or easement granted under any Act repealed by the said Act, or any regulations made under such repealed Act, and which has been surrendered under the said Act, shall have the same right as to priority in regard to other ~~rights grants~~ grants 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. 5

New Clause.

5. Any renewal of any water license, lease, or other mining right heretofore granted under any Act for the time being in force for the administration of gold fields, which water license, lease, or other mining right was originally granted under any other Act, since repealed, shall be of full force and effect: Provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to validate any defect other than a defect which may exist in such renewal of any such water license, lease, or other mining right. 10 15