

Hon. Sir W. J. Steward.

MARRIAGE RESTRICTIONS REMOVAL.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to remove certain Restrictions upon Marriage.

Title.
Preamble.

WHEREAS by sections forty-four and forty-five of "The Marriage Act, 1904," the marriage of a man with the sister of his deceased wife, or of a woman with her deceased husband's brother, is declared to be lawful: And whereas marriages between a man and his deceased wife's niece, and between a woman and her deceased husband's nephew, are, nevertheless, at present unlawful, and it is expedient that the restrictions upon such last-mentioned marriages should be removed:

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 is "The Marriage Restrictions Removal Act, 1905."

Short Title.

2. For the purposes of this Act "deceased wife's niece" means deceased wife's sister's daughter or deceased wife's brother's daughter, and "deceased husband's nephew" means deceased husband's brother's son or deceased husband's sister's son.

Interpretation.

3. Every marriage, other than as hereinafter excepted, between any person and his deceased wife's niece, or between any person and her deceased husband's nephew, which has heretofore been ~~or which shall hereafter be~~ contracted and solemnised before any minister of religion or Registrar duly authorised to solemnise marriages shall be deemed to have been and to be valid and binding; and the issue born or hereafter to be born of such marriages shall be deemed to have been and to be born in lawful wedlock:

Marriage with deceased wife's niece or deceased husband's nephew valid.

Provided that this Act shall not render valid any such marriage in any case where either of the parties of such marriage shall thereafter before the passing of this Act have lawfully intermarried with any other person.

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nor shall the passing of this Act deprive or be held to have deprived any person of any property which such person may have lawfully inherited prior to the coming into operation of this Act, or affect any *his pendens*:

And provided further that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to legalise marriage between a man and his step-daughter or his niece-in-blood, or between a woman and her step-son or her nephew-in-blood.