Manhood Suffrage.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble

1. Short Title. 2. Seventh and forty-second sections of New Zealand Constitution Act repealed. 3. Every male of 21 years of age entitled to vote. 4. Power of voting under miner's rights not taken away.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to provide that all Males of Twenty-one Title. Years of Age and upwards shall be qualified to vote as Electors in New Zealand.

THEREAS by the seventh and forty-second sections of the Act to Preamble. grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand (15 and 16 Vict., c. 72) the qualifications of voters who may vote for the return of members to the Provincial Councils and to the House of Representatives are set forth and established: And whereas it is desirable to establish other provisions for the qualification of voters in lieu of those above mentioned:

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 shall be "The Manhood Suffrage Short Title. Act, 1876.

2. The seventh and forty-second sections of the Act to grant a seventh and forty-Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand are hereby second sections of New Zealand

3. Every man of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, being of repealed. Every male of 21 sound mind, who has resided within the electoral district for which the years of age entitled vote is to be given for six calendar months next before the last registration of electors for the said district, shall, if duly registered, be entitled to vote at the election of a member or members for the said district for the House of Representatives or Provincial Council.

4. Nothing in this Act contained shall take away from any holder Power of voting of a miner's right such power to vote for the election of members, under miner's rights either for the House of Representatives or the Provincial Council, as he is now by law entitled to exercise.