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*House of Representatives,  
16th August, 1905.*

*Hon. Sir W. J. Steward.*

## MARRIAGES VALIDATION.

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### A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to validate certain Marriages.

Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Marriages Validation 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 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:

Marriages with deceased wife's niece or deceased husband's nephew prior to this Act valid.

20 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.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1905.