

Mr. McCallum.

MARRIAGES VALIDATION.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Marriages Validation Act, 1912. Short Title.

2. Every marriage (otherwise lawful) *heretofore or that may hereafter be* contracted or solemnized before any Registrar or Officiating Minister ~~after the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and six, and prior to the coming into operation of this Act,~~ between a man and his deceased wife's niece, or between a woman and her deceased husband's nephew, 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. Certain marriages validated.

(2.) This section shall not render valid any marriage as aforesaid in any case where either of the parties to that marriage has thereafter and during the lifetime of the other of the parties, but before the coming into operation of this Act, lawfully intermarried with any other person, nor any marriage between a man and his own niece, or between a woman and her own nephew; nor shall this section be held to have deprived any person of any property which he may have lawfully inherited prior to the coming into operation of this Act, or affect any then existing *lis pendens*.

(3.) For the purposes of this section "niece" means sister's daughter or brother's daughter, and "nephew" means brother's son or sister's son.