## Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

## NEW ZEALAND ENSIGN.

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## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to establish and define an Ensign for New Zealand. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as fol-5 lows :-

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The New Zealand Ensign Short Title.

Title.

Act, 1900."

2. There is hereby established an ensign to be called the "New New Zealand ensign

Zealand ensign."

3. The New Zealand ensign for ships registered in New Zea- Ensign for land and belonging to or permanently employed by the New Zealand Government shall be the blue ensign of Her Majesty's fleet with a white disc on the fly thereof containing the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars.

4. The New Zealand ensign for merchant ships registered in Ensign for New Zealand shall be the red ensign of Her Majesty's fleet with a white disc on the fly thereof containing the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars.

5. The New Zealand ensign for use on shore in New Zealand Ensign for use on 20 shall be the blue ensign of Her Majesty's fleet, having on the fly thereof (but without the disc) the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars.

6. Every person who defaces the New Zealand ensign by Penalty for placing any sign, representation, or letter thereon, or (in the case defacing ensign. 25 of the ensign for ships) by altering the disc or its contents, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

7. This Act shall be reserved for the signification of Her Act reserved. Majesty's pleasure thereon, and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Gazette: Pro-

30 vided that such Proclamation shall not be made unless it contains a statement that Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of this Act.