

ORCHARD-TAX AMENDMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

CLAUSE 2: Under the Orchard-tax Act, 1927, an orchard-tax at the rate of 1s. an acre is imposed for the general purposes of the fruitgrowing industry; in addition a special tax not exceeding 5s. an acre is imposed in commercial fruitgrowing districts to provide funds for protection against fireblight. As fireblight does not attack citrus or stone fruits, it is considered inequitable to charge with special orchard-tax those orchards in which such fruits are exclusively grown, or, in the case of mixed orchards, to charge with special orchard-tax those areas that are used exclusively for the production of citrus or stone fruits. The purpose of this clause is to exempt such orchards and areas accordingly by limiting the incidence of the special orchard-tax to areas planted with the kinds of fruit-trees specified in the clause.

Clause 3: This clause makes provision for payment out of the proceeds of the fireblight tax of fees in respect of their services to members of any Fireblight Committee.

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
29th November, 1933.*

Hon. Mr. Macmillan.

ORCHARD-TAX AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.	
Title.	
1. Short Title.	3. Members of Fireblight Committee may receive remuneration for services.
2. Limiting incidence of special orchard-tax levied for fireblight protective purposes.	

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Orchard-tax Act, 1927. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Orchard-tax Amendment Act, 1933, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Orchard-tax Act, 1927 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

10 2. Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection three the words “and planted with apple-trees, pear-trees, or quince-trees”. See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. I, p. 146

3. (1) Section eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection two the following Limiting incidence of special orchard-tax levied for fireblight protective purposes.

15 proviso:—
“Provided that out of the moneys aforesaid there may be paid to members of the committee such fees or allowances in respect of their services as the committee may, by resolution, in accordance with regulations under this
20 Act, from time to time determine”. Members of Fireblight Committee may receive remuneration for services.

(2) Section nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (c) the following words: "and prescribing the maximum rates of fees or allowances that may be paid to the members of any such committee in respect of their services as such".

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