

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, 21ST AUGUST, 1901.]

Mr. Hogg.

RABBIT NUISANCE ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Where owner fails to destroy rabbits, liable to fine.</p> | <p>3. If rabbits continue to exist on land, owner liable to further penalty.</p> <p>4. Repeal. Schedule.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1882." Title.

BE IT 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 is "The Rabbit Nuisance Act Amendment Act, 1901," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1882" (herein called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

~~2. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—~~

"If within a reasonable time after the service of such notice any occupier or owner on whom the same is served has, in the opinion of the Magistrate adjudicating, failed or neglected to take

reasonable or diligent steps to promote the destruction of rabbits on the land mentioned in such notice, he shall be liable to a penalty not

exceeding *five* pounds if the area of the land is less than five hundred acres, *ten* pounds if such area exceeds five hundred acres but is less than two thousand acres, and *twenty* pounds if the area exceeds two thousand acres."

Struck out.

3. Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows: By substituting the words "adjudicating Magistrate" in lieu of the word "Inspector."

New Clauses.

3. After the expiration of one month from the date of a conviction under the last preceding section, if, in the opinion of the adjudicating Magistrate, the occupier or owner has failed or neglected to take reasonable or diligent steps to promote the destruction of rabbits on the land mentioned in such notice, the said occupier or

owner upon whom the notice referred to in the last preceding section was served shall be liable to a further penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds and not less than *five* pounds, and so on for each succeeding period of one month during which, in the opinion of the Magistrate, rabbits exist on such land.

Repeal.

4. The provisions of this Act are in substitution of the enactments mentioned in the Schedule hereto, which enactments are hereby accordingly repealed.

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Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

- 1882, No. 66: "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1882." In part—namely, sections 9 and 10.
 1886, No. 46: "The Rabbit Nuisance Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1886." In part—namely, section 6.
 1890, No. 17: "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1890." In part—namely, subsection (1) of section 15.