

Hon. Sir Francis Bell.

RIGHTS OF FISHING.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for Inquiry into the Rights of Fishing in the Rivers and Lakes of New Zealand, and to restrain Disposition of such Rights during the Continuance of this Act. Title.

5 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 Rights of Fishing Act, 1924. Short Title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the term Interpretation.

10 "waters" means and includes rivers, streams, and lakes.

3. A Commission shall be appointed under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, to inquire into and report upon the existence and nature of private rights of fishing in the waters of New Zealand, and such other matters relative thereto as the Governor-General in Council may direct, including a report as to the nature of the legislation (if any) which, in the opinion of such Commission, is necessary or expedient in respect of such rights. Commission to be appointed to inquire and report as to existence of private fishing rights.

15 4. Except as provided by this Act and so long as this Act remains in force it shall not be lawful for any person to sell, let, or otherwise dispose of any right of fishing in any waters, whether in gross or as appurtenant to any lands, or to sell, let, or otherwise dispose of any rights over the beds of waters or the lands forming the margin thereof save only so far as such rights may be necessarily comprised in a sale or lease of the whole of the lands of a vendor or lessor comprised in a continuous area. Restriction on disposition of fishing rights.

25 5. Nothing in this Act shall extend to prohibit the grant for any one fishing-season in any one year of the exclusive right of fishing in any waters or the exclusive occupancy for fishing purposes of lands on the margin of any waters : Limited power to grant fishing rights for fishing-season.

Provided—

(a.) That no such grant shall be valid if it purports to grant any such rights for any fishing-season other than the fishing-season current at the date of the grant or the fishing-season immediately following that date ; and

(b.) That such grant does not extend beyond a reasonable area of the bed of the waters comprised in the grant or of the land to be occupied.

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Commencement
of Act.

6. This Act shall be deemed to have been in force on and after the twenty-sixth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, 10 being the date of the commencement of the present session of Parliament.