

New Parliament.

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Legislative Council,
13th December, 1887.

Hon. Mr. Stevens.

SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT in Amendment of "The Sheep Act, 1878," and in Prevention of the Recurrence of Infection with Scab. 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 Sheep Acts Amendment Act, 1887." It shall be read and construed together with "The Sheep Act, 1878" (herein referred to as "the said Act"). Short Title.

2. In this Act,—
"License" includes "lease," and "licensee" includes "lessee."
"Minister" means the Colonial Secretary or other member of the Executive Council for the time being having charge of the administration of the said Act. Interpretation.

3. From and after the passing of this Act, the said Act, and "The Sheep Act 1878 Amendment Act, 1886," shall be read as if the words "Chief Inspector" and "Inspector" or "Inspectors" had been omitted therefrom, and as if the words "Inspector" and "Sub-Inspector" or "Sub-Inspectors" had been respectively substituted in their place wherever such first-mentioned words occur therein. Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors.

But this provision shall not apply to the word "Inspector" where it appears between inverted commas in section five of the said Act.

4. "The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1882," and "The Rabbit Nuisance Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1886," shall be read subject to the modifications made by this Act in the said Act. Amendment of section 45 of principal Act.

5. Section forty-five of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission therefrom of the word "negligently" in the several places where the said word occurs therein.

Infected sheep may be destroyed.

5. If any Inspector shall be satisfied that any sheep have, subsequently to the passing of this Act, become infected with scab, he shall take immediate steps under the said Act to have the same cleaned forthwith and without notice of any sort to any person, or, if thereto authorized by the Minister may cause such sheep to be destroyed; and in the latter case the owner shall be entitled to receive as compensation for such destruction not more than one-half of the value of all sheep which he shall muster and deliver to the Inspector at the nearest available sheep-yard or sheep-yards on the run, such value to be determined by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the said owner and the other by the Inspector, and a referee to be appointed by the said arbitrators. 5 10

Compensation not to exceed half the value.

License of run may be suspended without compensation if sheep infected.

6. If any Inspector shall be satisfied that any sheep depasturing on Crown lands occupied under a license as a run have, subsequently to the passing of this Act, become infected with scab, he shall report the fact to the Minister, who may, if he shall think it necessary, take steps to have the said sheep destroyed, compensation being paid in respect of such destruction as mentioned in the *last-preceding* section. 15 20

Upon such report as aforesaid the Governor may direct the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district wherein the run is situate forthwith to issue a notice in the *Gazette* suspending the license issued in respect of the said run, or any portion thereof, and such license shall be thereupon absolutely suspended in part or in whole, as the case may be, until such time as the Minister shall be advised that sheep may be permitted to depasture thereon without fear of infection. 25

No licensee of any run shall be entitled to any compensation by reason of the suspension of his license as to the whole or any portion of his run under the authority of this section. 30

Compensation moneys to be deemed part of cost of administration of Act.

7. All sums to be paid as compensation in respect of any sheep destroyed under the authority of this Act may be paid out of any moneys from time to time appropriated for the purposes of the administration of the said Act. 35

Governor, by Order in Council, may permit sheep arriving coastwise to be landed without inspection in certain cases.

8. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, suspend the operation of sections thirty-five to thirty-nine, both inclusive, of the said Act, within such districts or parts of districts respectively within the colony, and for such time respectively, as he shall think fit, in respect to sheep bred in the colony and brought by sea from within the colony to be landed in such districts, and in respect to any vessel bringing such sheep; and may from time to time similarly alter or revoke any such Order in Council in part or in whole, as to time or place respectively. 40

The Governor also may, by any such Order in Council, make, alter, or revoke regulations prescribing the conditions upon which sheep brought coastwise from any part within the colony may be landed within any other part thereof, and any such regulations may be made to apply to any vessel and the master or owner thereof bringing sheep coastwise for the purpose of being landed as aforesaid; and also the aforesaid regulations may provide penalties not exceeding one hundred pounds for any breach thereof. 45 50

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5 Notwithstanding any such Order in Council as aforesaid, sections thirty-five to thirty-nine of the said Act shall remain in full operation in respect to any sheep brought from within the colony on board any vessel having on board at the same time sheep brought from any place beyond the colony, or which at any time during the previous three months has had on board sheep brought from or shipped at any place outside of the colony beyond the Australasian Colonies, and in respect to every such vessel, and to the master, owner, or supercargo thereof respectively.