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(Hon. Mr. Bowen.)

Stamp Fee.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to provide for the Collection, by means of Title.
Stamps, of Fees payable in the various Depart-
ments of the Public Service.

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 shall be "The Stamp Fee Act, 1875." Short Title;
2. "The Supreme Court and Registration Offices Fees Act, 1866," is hereby repealed. Repeal.
3. The Governor in Council may, by notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, direct that after the time specified in such notice all or any of the duties fees fines or penalties for the time being payable in money in any Public Department or office connected with the public service, or to the officers thereof, shall be collected by means of stamps; and after the time so specified, the duties fees fines or penalties therein mentioned shall be received by stamps denoting the sums payable and not in money. Governor may fix time for bringing Act into operation in any Department.
4. The Governor in Council may make alter or repeal Regulations not contrary to this Act for the due administration thereof. Governor may make Regulations.
5. All or any stamps to be used under this Act shall be impressed or adhesive as the Governor from time to time directs. Stamps to be impressed or adhesive as Governor directs.
6. When any sum comprised in any such notice is payable in respect of a document, the stamps denoting such sum shall be affixed to or impressed on such document. And when such sum is payable otherwise than in respect of a document, the stamps denoting such sum shall be affixed to or impressed on such document as the Governor requires to be used for the purpose. Stamp to be affixed to or impressed upon the document in respect of which the fee is payable.
7. Any document which ought to bear a stamp under this Act shall not be of any validity unless and until it is properly stamped; but if any such document is through mistake or inadvertence received filed or used without being properly stamped, the Court in which the same is so received filed or used may if it thinks fit order that the same be stamped; and thereupon such document shall be as valid as if it had been properly stamped in the first instance. Document invalid until properly stamped.
8. The sections from *six* to *twenty-six* inclusive of "The Stamp Act, 1875," shall apply to the stamps to be used under this Act, and shall be read with and as a part of this Act. Part I. of "Stamp Act, 1875," to be read as part of this Act.

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