

Hon. Major Steward.

THRESHING-MACHINE OWNERS' LIEN

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for securing to Threshing-Machine Owners a Preference-claim for the Cost of Threshing Grain or Seeds. 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. The Short Title of this Act is "The Threshing-Machine Owners' Lien Act, 1895." It shall be read together with "The Contractors' and Workmen's Lien Act, 1892" (herein referred to as "the said Act"). Short Title.

2. In the said Act "contractor" shall include any person being the owner or lessee of any threshing-machine who contracts with any other person to thresh any grain; and "work" shall include the work of threshing any grain; and, for the purposes of the said Act and of this Act, "grain" shall include all cereals, pulse, and seeds of every kind. Interpretation.

3. The contractor, until payment to him or to his order of the full contract price, or, if no contract shall have been made as to price, then until payment of the ordinary ruling price for the like work of threshing, shall be entitled to retain possession of so much of the grain threshed by him as, at the then fair average market value of grain of the like quality, will represent the sum due to such contractor; and, if the said sum be not paid within *thirty* days from the completion of the work, may sell the grain so retained, or cause the same to be sold, and, after deducting the costs of sale, if any, may apply the proceeds to the payment of the sum due to himself, and shall pay over any surplus thereafter remaining to his employer: Provided always that the contractor shall be required to take all due precautions to prevent any such grain being damaged while in his possession, and shall be responsible to his employer for any injury or loss suffered by such employer through any neglect of such precautions. Owners of threshing-machines to have lien over grain threshed.