

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
23rd October, 1877.*

(*Mr. J. C. Brown.*)

Town of Waitahuna.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Town of Havelock, Provincial District of Otago, to be called Town of Waitahuna.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to alter the Name of the Town of Havelock, in the Provincial District of Otago, to Waitahuna. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the name of the Town of Havelock, in the Provincial District of Otago: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Town of Waitahuna Act, 1877." Short Title.

2. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, the Town of Havelock, in the Provincial District of Otago, shall be called the Town of Waitahuna. Town of Havelock, Provincial District of Otago, to be called the Town of Waitahuna.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Crown Grants Acts Amendment Act, 1877." 5

Validity of title.

2. A purchaser of lands from the Crown, the New Zealand Company, or the Canterbury Association, and any Native claiming title to land under any contract or engagement made by or on behalf of Her Majesty, and for which land the grant shall not have been issued, and every person claiming through any such purchaser or Native, shall have and possess, and after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have had and possessed, the same rights, privileges, and remedies for the enjoyment and protection of his land as if the grant had been issued to and the legal estate vested in him: 10

Provisoes.

Provided the position and boundaries of the land so purchased can be approximately ascertained, and any person trespassing thereon or disputing the title thereto cannot show or adduce a better right and title, legal or equitable, to the same land: 15
 Provided further that no person who may have been in adverse possession for twenty years and upwards of any such land shall be at liberty to set up the statute of limitations as a defence against the rightful claimants thereof, or any other defence founded on adverse possession. 20