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UNCLAIMED LAND.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Disposal of Unclaimed Land.

Title.

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

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| 5 | 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Unclaimed Land Act, 1885." | Short Title. |
| 10 | 2. For the purposes of this Act unclaimed land shall be land over which no rights of ownership shall have been exercised by the real owner by himself or another for seven years. | Interpretation of "unclaimed land." |
| 15 | 3. It shall be lawful for the Governor to sell unclaimed land by public auction, provided that before any unclaimed land shall be sold the Governor shall notify his intention to sell it for one month in a newspaper published in the borough, road district, county or land district where the land lies, accordingly as it may lie in a borough, road district, county or land district. | Governor may sell unclaimed land. |
| 20 | 4. The proceeds of the sale of unclaimed lands shall be dealt with as land revenue. | Application of proceeds. |
| 20 | 5. If, at any time within twenty years after the sale of any unclaimed land, the real owner thereof shall appear by himself or another and prove his title to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall be entitled to receive from the Governor the net amount paid for the land, with four per cent., computed at simple interest, from the date of the sale. | Compensation to real owner if he appear within twenty years. |