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Hon. Mr. McKenzie.

WATER-SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Water-supply Act, 1891."

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 Water-supply Act Amendment Act, 1892."

2. In any case where prior to the passing of "The Water-supply Act, 1891," any Road Board had, under the powers then vested in it by virtue of "The Counties Act, 1886," constructed water-races or irrigation-works, such Road Board and the road district which it represents shall be deemed not to have been or to be affected by the provisions of "The Water-supply Act, 1891;" but such Road Board shall have and may continue to exercise in the road district it represents all the jurisdiction, powers, duties, and authorities conferred upon such Road Board by or under "The Counties Act, 1886," and shall be subject to all liabilities thereby imposed upon such Board, and for such purposes sections two hundred and sixty-six to two hundred and eighty-eight, and subsections two and three of section three hundred and eleven of "The Counties Act, 1886," shall be deemed not to have been repealed; but such sections and all other provisions of the last-mentioned Act or of any other Act in force requisite or necessary to give full effect to this Act shall be deemed to have been and to be in full force and operation so far as respects such Road Board and the road district which it represents.

3. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect or interfere with any portion of any such road district which has been or may hereafter be constituted part of a water-supply district formed under "The Water-supply Act, 1891," or to prevent the whole or any portion of such road district from becoming part of any such water-

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supply district, in any of which events this Act shall not have any operation so far as respects the road district or portion thereof which forms part of a water-supply district.

New Clauses.

Road Board to have power to levy water-rates.

4. Notwithstanding anything in section *three* of this Act contained, any Road Board which has constructed water-races under any Act in force prior to the passing of "The Water-supply Act, 1891," shall have full power to make and levy water-rates upon any land supplied with water by such races (notwithstanding that such land may be included in a water-supply district) until such time as the Board having control of such water-supply district is able to provide to such land a sufficient supply of water from races under its control.

Power to extend boundaries.

5. No Water-supply Board shall have power to extend the boundaries of the district under its control, or to take possession of any water-races theretofore under the control of any Road Board, unless and until a poll of the ratepayers within the area of such proposed extension shall have been taken upon the question of such proposed extension, and the same shall have been sanctioned by two-thirds of the total number of such ratepayers, representing at least one-half of the rateable value of the area included within such proposed extension; and if any such proposal shall be affirmed by the requisite number of votes, representing not less than the rateable value aforesaid, then the Water-supply Board shall pay to such Road Board an amount equal to the total sum of all liabilities on the part of such Road Board in respect of such water-races as have been taken possession of as aforesaid.