

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

WATER-SUPPLY.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

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

Title.

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, 1904"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Water-supply Act, 1891" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").
2. Section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing all the words after the words "may be estimated to cover" to "repair of water-races," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "the cost of maintaining and repairing the water-race, and the interest and sinking fund on any loan raised to provide for the cost of its construction."

Short Title.

Principal Act amended.

New clauses.

3. (1.) The Council may, in lieu of making by-laws fixing the charge to be paid for water in any district, make and levy on all lands in any district (other than those exempted under section thirty-one of the principal Act) a separate rate to provide for the cost of maintaining and repairing any water-race within such district.
- (2.) Every such rate shall be deemed to be a rate made under "The Rating Act, 1894."
4. The money to be received by the Featherston County Council by virtue of any by-law made by such Council under section thirty-five of the principal Act, fixing the rates and charges to be paid in the Moroa Water-race District for the supply of water for the period between the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and four, and the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, may be applied in such proportion as the

Council may levy separate rate towards cost of water-race.

Disposal of moneys received by Featherston County Council.

Council thinks necessary in payment of liabilities incurred in maintaining or repairing the water-races in the said district between the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and four, and the coming into operation of such by-law.

Map of district and races.

5. (1.) The Council of a county wherein any water-supply district exists shall within three months after the passing of this Act, and in the case of a new district within three months after its constitution, cause to be made a map of each district, showing its boundaries and the course of every water-race therein, and shall from time to time cause every new water-race and every alteration of any existing water-race to be marked on such map. 5 10

(2.) Every water-race shown on such map shall be deemed to be a water-race within the meaning of the principal Act, and shall vest in the Corporation of the county, subject to all the rights, powers, agreements, obligations, and liabilities attaching thereto or affecting the same. 15

(3.) Every such map shall be open for public inspection, without fee, at all reasonable hours at the office of the Council.

(3A.) All maps made under the principal Act and deposited in the Magistrate's Court may, on the application of the Council, be removed from such Court to the Council offices, and shall be deemed to be maps under this section. 20

Section 54 of principal Act amended.

(4.) Section thirty of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

6. Section fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (1):— 25

(1A.) Suffers the drainage of any stable, stock-yard, pig sty or yard, or fowl house or yard to pollute the water in any water-race.

County of Eden— power to levy rate.

7. (1.) In addition to the powers vested in a Water-supply Board by the principal Act, every Water-supply Board within the County of Eden which has heretofore constructed or shall hereafter construct a water-race may make and levy water-rates within its water-supply district upon the principle and according to the scale prescribed by section one hundred and two of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," and may make, alter, or revoke by-laws in that behalf. The words "annual rateable value" in that section shall, for the purposes of this Act, have the same meaning as "rateable value" as defined by paragraph (1) of the definition of "rateable value" contained in section two of "The Rating Act, 1894." 30 35

Security for special loan.

(2.) Any such water-rate shall be additional to any special rate levied by the Water-supply Board as security for any special loan. 40

Exemptions.

(3.) Sections thirty-six and thirty-seven of the principal Act shall not apply to a water-supply district situate within the County of Eden.