

It is proposed this session to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1923, by adopting Part II of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914. This will bring the Dominion of New Zealand into line with all other countries of the British Empire which have now adopted Part II of the Imperial Act. The effect of this adoption will be that any one upon whom British nationality has been conferred in any part of the British Empire will become a British subject in every part of the Empire, and consequently any one whom New Zealand admits to the status of British nationality can claim that status in any other part of the Empire.

The Acts relating to public reserves and domains, rabbit nuisance, divorce, and auctioneers have been compiled and reconstructed, and these measures will be put before you for your consideration. Consolidations of the Acts relating to Magistrates' Courts, education reserves, post and telegraph, inspection of machinery, noxious weeds, public works, kauri-gum, orchard and garden diseases have been prepared and will also be submitted to you.

Under our existing law provision is made for local authorities acquiring charges on land for payment of various services performed by them. The existence of these charges has caused difficulty to people dealing with land, and a measure will be introduced providing for the registration of all such charges.

The report on mental deficiency and its treatment furnished by the Inspector-General of Mental Hospitals has been considered, and remedial legislation will be submitted for your consideration.

In view of the large increase of motor traffic and the number of accidents which have occurred on the road, it has been considered by my Ministers desirable that all those who own cars should, at the same time as they pay their annual registration and license fees, pay an additional sum sufficient to provide an insurance against what is known as the third-party risk. The details and working of this proposal will be set out in the Bill which will be duly submitted to you.

Bills will also be submitted to you dealing with municipal corporations, companies, property law, police force, state fire insurance, licensing, cinematograph films, land for settlements, New Zealand University, and other matters.

I commend all these matters to your earnest consideration, and pray that Divine Providence may so guide your deliberations that the result will be for the good of the Empire and of lasting benefit to the people of this Dominion.