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CENSUS POSTPONEMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

By the Census and Statistics Act, 1926, provision is made for the taking of a census in 1931, and in each fifth year thereafter. The present intention is to dispense with the necessity of taking a census next year, but the Bill as drafted will enable the Governor-General, by Proclamation, to direct the taking of the census in ordinary course if the financial position of the country has so far improved as to make such a proceeding advisable.

Hon. Mr. de la Perrelle.

CENSUS POSTPONEMENT.

Title.	ANALYSIS.
1. Short Title.	2. Postponement of quinquennial census.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to dispense with the Statutory Requirement that a Census be taken in the Year Nineteen hundred and thirty-one. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Census Postponement Act, 1930, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Census and Statistics Act, 1926. Short Title.

2. (1) Unless the Governor-General shall otherwise direct by Proclamation issued after the passing of this Act, the census which by section four of the Census and Statistics Act, 1926, is required to be taken in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one shall not be taken, and the first census to be taken in accordance with that section shall be taken in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-six. Postponement of quinquennial census.

(2) The said section four shall be read subject to the provisions of this section.

By Authority : W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington.—1930.