Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

FISHERIES CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884." BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Fisheries Conservation Short Title. Act Amendment Act, 1902."

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation

hatcheries.

Title.

"Fish" means and includes all fish introduced into or inhabiting the waters of the colony and their ova or fry respectively.

3. Whenever it is, in the opinion of the Minister for Public Power to acquire Works, necessary in the public interest to acquire any land for the lands for fishestablishment of fish-breeding or fish-hatcheries in the colony, the 15 Minister may take such land as for a "public work" within the meaning and subject to the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1894," and compensation shall be ascertained and paid accordingly: Provided that not more than twenty acres of land shall be so taken for any one hatchery.

The Governor in Council may from time to time declare that 20 any streams, waters, or springs are set apart for the purpose of such fish-breeding or fish-hatcheries, subject to any regulations made under the principal Act.

4. Any lands acquired under this Act may be transferred to or Land may be vested 25 vested in any duly registered acclimatisation society upon such in an acclimatisaterms or conditions as the Governor in Council thinks fit to impose.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any navigable Act not to apply to river.

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