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**FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES' LIABILITY FOR WATER-SUPPLY.**

**ANALYSIS.**

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**A BILL INTITULED**

AN ACT to render Persons or Companies insuring Property against Fire liable for a Contribution towards Water-supply. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the liability of persons and companies insuring property against fire to contribute towards water-supply, and to fix an equitable payment for the same: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Fire Insurance Companies' Liability for Water-supply Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. Every person, body, or company carrying on the business of fire insurance within the limits of any borough supplied with water by means of waterworks constructed by and at the expense of such borough, and available for the extinction or prevention of fire, shall, on the first day of March in each year, commencing on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the Council of such borough an account showing the amount of premiums, or moneys in the nature of premiums, receivable by such person, body, or company in respect of fire insurance within such borough for the year next preceding each such first day of March; and every such person, body, or company which shall fail to deliver or cause to be delivered such account as aforesaid shall be liable to pay to the Council of such borough the sum of five hundred pounds, to be recovered by the Treasurer of such borough in any Court of competent jurisdiction. Statement of premiums to be rendered.

3. It shall be the duty of the secretary, manager, or other person having, in the month of February in each year, the principal charge or management of the business of any such person, body, or

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company carrying on the business of fire insurance as aforesaid within any such borough as aforesaid to prepare and deliver to the Council of such borough such account as aforesaid; and any secretary, manager, or other person failing to perform such duty shall, but without prejudice to the liability of such person, body, or company to the 5 payment of the sum of five hundred pounds as aforesaid, be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, to be recoverable in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace, on the complaint of the Clerk of the Council of such borough.

Rate of contribution.

4. Every such person, body, or company which shall have 10 delivered or caused to be delivered any such account as aforesaid shall, on the first day of April in each year, pay to the Treasurer of such borough as aforesaid a sum equal to                    pounds per centum upon the total amount of premiums, or moneys in the nature of 15 premiums, shown in such account as aforesaid, as and for compensation for the use of or right to use the water supplied by means of such 20 waterworks as aforesaid; and the amount payable as aforesaid shall, in case of non-payment thereof on the first day of April in each year, be recoverable at the suit of the said Treasurer in any Court of competent jurisdiction.