

(Hon. Mr. Richmond.)

# Railways Gauge.

## ANALYSIS.

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3. Except existing lines, and Canterbury Plain.

## A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to define the Gauge of Public Railways to be hereafter constructed in New Zealand. Title.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient, with a view to economy of construction and working and to the public convenience, to fix and define the Gauge of Public Railways to be constructed within the Colony: 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 shall be "The Railways Gauge Act, 1870." Short Title.

2. In all Public Railways to be constructed in New Zealand after the passing of this Act, except as hereinafter provided, the gauge or measurement between the rails shall be exactly three feet six inches between the inner edge of the upper part of one rail and the inner edge of the upper part of the other rail. Gauge to be 3 feet 6 inches in all cases.

3. This Act shall not apply to Railways already existing; and notwithstanding anything herein contained, Railways may be made and extended upon the Canterbury Plain upon the gauge of five feet three inches. Except existing lines, and Canterbury Plain.