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 4 (own lands occupied under a license as a run have, subsequently
 5 to the passing of this Act, become infected with scab, he shall report
 6 the fact to the Colonial Secretary, who shall take steps to have
 7 the said sheep destroyed, compensation being paid in respect of such
 8 destruction as mentioned in the last preceding section.
 9 Upon such report as aforesaid the Governor may direct the
 10 Commissioner of Crown Lands to cause the district wherein the run is
 11 enclosed to be inspected by the Inspector or Sub-Inspector.

SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

- 1. Short Title.
- 2. Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors.
- 3. Amendment of section 45 of principal Act.
- 4. Infected sheep may be destroyed. Compensation not to exceed half the value.

- 5. License of run may be revoked without compensation if sheep infected.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN Act in Amendment of "The Sheep Act, 1878," and in Pre-vention of the Recurrence of Infection with Scab. Title.

BE IT 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 Sheep Acts Amendment Act, 1887." It shall be read and construed together with "The Sheep Act, 1878" (herein referred to as "the said Act"). Short Title.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, the said Act, and "The Sheep Act 1878 Amendment Act, 1886," shall be read as if the words "Chief Inspector" and "Inspector" or "Inspectors" had been omitted therefrom, and as if the words "Inspector" and "Sub-Inspector" or "Sub-Inspectors" had been respectively substituted in their place wherever such first-mentioned words occur therein. Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors.

But this provision shall not apply to the word "Inspector" where it appears between inverted commas in section five of the said Act.

3. Section forty-five of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission therefrom of the word "negligently" in the several places where the said word occurs therein. Amendment of section 45 of principal Act.

4. If any Inspector shall be satisfied that any sheep have, subsequently to the passing of this Act, become infected with scab, he shall take steps under the said Act to have the same cleaned, or, if thereto authorized by the Colonial Secretary, may cause such sheep to be destroyed; in which case the owner shall be entitled to receive as compensation for such destruction not more than one-half of the value of all sheep which he shall muster and deliver to the Inspector at the principal sheep yard on the run, such value to be determined by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by the said owner and the other by the Inspector, and a referee to be appointed by the said arbitrators. Infected sheep may be destroyed.

Compensation not to exceed half the value.

License of run may be revoked without compensation if sheep infected.

5. If any Inspector shall be satisfied that any sheep depasturing on Crown lands occupied under a license as a run have, subsequently to the passing of this Act, become infected with scab, he shall report the fact to the Colonial Secretary, who shall take steps to have the said sheep destroyed, compensation being paid in respect of such destruction as mentioned in the *last-preceding* section. 5

Upon such report as aforesaid the Governor may direct the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the district wherein the run is situate forthwith to issue a notice in the *Gazette* revoking the license issued in respect of the said run, and such license shall be thereupon absolutely revoked, and no new license shall be issued in respect of such run until such time as the Colonial Secretary shall be advised that sheep may be permitted to depasture thereon without fear of infection. 10

No licensee of any run shall be entitled to any compensation by the reason of the revocation of his license under the authority of this section. 15

Compensation moneys to be deemed part of cost of administration of Act.

6. All sums to be paid as compensation in respect of any sheep destroyed under the authority of this Act may be paid out of any moneys from time to time appropriated for the purposes of the administration of the said Act. 20

By Authority: GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1887.