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AN ACT in Amendment of "The Inspection of Machinery Act, 1882." [9th October, 1894.

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 Inspection of Machinery

Amendment Act, 1894."

Administration of Act.

2. The Minister for Public Works shall henceforth have the charge of the administration of "The Inspection of Machinery Act, 1882" (herein referred to as "the said Act").

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3. The said Act is hereby amended as follows:-

- (a.) In section two, and in all other sections where they respectively occur, the words "The Commissioner of Trade and Customs" or "Commissioner" shall be omitted, and the words "The Minister for Public Works" or "Minister" substituted.
- (b.) In section two (interpretation of word "child"), the word "twelve" shall be omitted, and the word "fourteen" substituted in lieu thereof.
- (c.) In section fifteen, the words "children or young persons" shall be omitted, and the words "any persons" substituted in lieu thereof.

Drivers of all engines and travelling engines to have certificates of competency.

4. Every person employed or acting in the capacity of enginedriver who is in charge of any engine or machinery in which steam, water, or air is used, or any two of them, as a motive-power, by means of which respectively persons are brought up or passed down or along any shaft, pit, or inclined plane or level in any mine or coal-mine, or of any engine propelled or moved from place to place by its own motive-power and machinery, exclusive only of engines and boilers used or employed in the working of any railway the property of Her Majesty, or vested in the New Zealand Railway Commissioners, shall be the holder of an engine-driver's certificate; and for such purpose he shall pass an examination and obtain from the Board of Examiners appointed under this Act a certificate of competency as to his possessing the necessary knowledge and requirements in working such

engine or machinery.

5. All examinations for engine-drivers under "The Mining Act, Examinations. 1891," "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," or this Act, shall be conducted by a Board consisting of the Inspecting Engineer of the Mines Department and the Chief Inspector of Machinery, and all applications for such examination shall be forwarded to the Chief Inspector of Machinery at Wellington, accompanied with the fee of ten shillings, and, in the case of applications from engine-drivers in charge of any winding machinery used for raising and lowering men in a shaft of a mine or coal-mine, shall be accompanied also with a certificate from his employer that the applicant has been working under a certificated engine-driver at such engine or machinery for a period of six months.

The aforesaid fee shall entitle the applicant to come up for another examination after a period of three months and within a period of twelve months without further charge in the event of his

failing to pass his first examination.

On any applicant passing the prescribed examination the Board shall issue a certificate, to be called an "engine-driver's certificate," and in the case of any person in charge of any winding machinery as aforesaid such certificate shall state on the face of it whether it is granted in respect of steam winding machinery or hydraulic winding

machinery.

(1.) The aforesaid Board of Examiners shall cause certificates of service as engine-driver to be granted, without undergoing any examination as aforesaid, to any person of good repute who shall apply for the same in the prescribed manner, and shall pay the sum of two shillings and sixpence as a fee for the said certificate, and shall produce a certificate from his former employer or employers of his having been actually engaged and in charge of an engine or machinery, as mentioned in section four of this Act, for a period of twelve months within the three years immediately previous to the thirtieth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

(2.) Any Inspector of Machinery, with the approval of the Board of Examiners, may, on occasions as he thinks fit, examine any candidate orally as to his qualifications for a certificate as an engine-driver, and the said oral examination may be accepted by the Board on the report of the Inspector in lieu of a written examination, and the Board may issue a certificate of competency to the candidate accordingly.

(3.) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the Board of Examiners may grant or refuse a certificate of competency or of service upon any grounds they may deem advisable.

(4.) Sections three hundred and eighteen and three hundred and nineteen of "The Mining Act, 1891," and sections twenty-five and twenty-six of "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," shall respectively apply in all particulars to every person in charge of any engine such as mentioned in section four

- of this Act as if such person were an engine-driver in charge of any winding-engine, or of winding machinery, under the Acts in this subsection first mentioned.
- (5.) Section three hundred and thirteen of "The Mining Act, 1891," is hereby amended by the omission of the words "or engine-drivers"; and the Board of Examiners appointed under the said section and under section twenty of "The Coal-mines Act, 1891," respectively are hereby limited to the examination of mine-managers under the said Acts, and shall not have any control of the examination of engine-drivers.

Power to make regulations.

6. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council, make, alter, or revoke regulations prescribing how and under what circumstances engines used for agricultural or dairy purposes only may be driven by uncertificated persons, and for prescribing terms and conditions for the issue of certificates of engine-drivers, and regulating the examinations to be held with respect to the necessary knowledge and requirements in working an engine or winding machinery, for the purpose of ascertaining the fitness of any person applying for any such certificate.

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