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1894, No. 21.

Title. AN ACT in Amendment of "The Oaths Act, 1890."
[17th September, 1894.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title. 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Oaths Act Amendment Act, 1894."

Additional form of oath for witnesses. 2. Every witness in any civil or criminal proceedings, or in any inquiry or examination before any Court, Judge, Magistrate, Justice, officer, arbitrator, or other person now or hereafter having by law or by consent of parties authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence, shall be entitled, if he so wishes, and instead of taking the customary oath usually administered to witnesses, to have an oath administered to him in the form following, that is to say: The officer or person tendering the oath holds up his hand, and says to the witness, "Witness, hold up your hand and repeat after me,—

"I swear by Almighty God, as I shall answer to God at the great day of judgment, that I will speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Certain infants may make declaration. 3. All witnesses who are infants under the age of twelve years may be examined without oath, and any witness so to be examined shall be required, as a preliminary to his examination as a witness, to make the following declaration: "I promise to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"; and such declaration shall be of the same force and effect as if such witness had taken an oath.