Mr. Herdman.

COAL-MINES ACT 1908 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title.

2. Crown Suits Act not to apply to State Coal mines and business arising therefrom.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Coal-mines Act 1908 Amend- short Title. ment Act, 1909, and it shall form part of and be read together with the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Crown Suits Crown Suits Act 10 Act, 1908, the Minister of Mines may sue and be sued for all claims not to apply to State Coal-mines and demands, and in all actions and proceedings, arising out of any and business arising done or suffered in relation to coal-mines opened arising therefrom.

and worked on behalf of His Majesty the King under Part II of the Coal-mines Act, 1908, or arising out of the carrying-on of the 15 business of coal-mining in any of its branches, or arising out of the sale, supply, or delivery of coal and other products the result of coal-mining operations; and all persons and corporations shall and

may have and take the same suits, remedies, and proceedings, legal

and equitable, against the Minister as they could have done against 20 the Minister had he been a private person; and the property and effects vested in His Majesty for the purposes of Part II of the Coalmines Act, 1908, shall be subject and liable to the same judgment, executions, and processes as they would, while vested in a private person, be liable to in respect of debts and liabilities lawfully con-

25 tracted and incurred by such private person.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1909.