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Mr. Steward.

CORONERS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Coroners Act, 1867."

Title.

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

5 **1.** The Short Title of this Act is "The Coroners Act 1867 Amendment Act, 1883." Short Title.

10 **2.** Every person who shall be summoned to attend as a juror, and shall attend, at any inquest or inquiry before a Coroner shall receive seven shillings for every day that he shall be in attendance at such inquest or inquiry: Provided that if such attendance shall not extend over three hours such juror shall only receive the sum of three shillings and sixpence. Payment of Coroners' jurors.

15 Every juror who shall reside more than two miles from the place at which such inquest or inquiry is held shall, in addition to the sum above provided, receive for his travelling expenses sixpence for every mile or portion of a mile beyond two miles from his residence to the place at which the inquest or inquiry is held.

20 All sums payable under this section shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Fund to the persons whom the Coroner, by his certificate, shall from time to time declare to be respectively entitled thereto.

25 **3.** The jury sworn to make inquiry in or upon any inquest which may be held by or under any law for the time being in force shall consist of six persons, of whom not less than five shall agree to a verdict; and, except as herein provided, any Act or law in force respecting inquests before a Coroner shall remain and continue applicable, notwithstanding such alteration in the number of the jury. Number of jury at inquest altered to six. Not less than five to agree to verdict.

30 **4.** The deadhouse of every public hospital, in cases where there is no building specially set apart for a morgue, shall be taken and deemed to be a public morgue; and the officer in charge of such Deadhouse of hospital to be public morgue.

hospital shall, at the request of any Justice of the Peace, or officer or constable of police, receive into such deadhouse any dead body that may be brought thereto for the purpose of an inquest being held thereon; and if the officer in charge of such hospital shall refuse to receive such dead body for the purpose aforesaid he shall, on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding *five* pounds. 5

Provided always that, wherever convenient, the inquest on such dead body shall be held at the nearest courthouse.

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5. Notwithstanding anything contained in "The Coroners Act, 1867," or in section one hundred and thirty-six of "The Licensing Act, 1881," no holder of a publican's license shall be required to receive any dead body for the purpose of an inquest being held thereon if there shall be a public morgue situated within two miles of the place from which the dead body is removed for the purpose of such inquest. 10 15

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