AS REPORTED FROM THE GOLDFIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE. House of Representatives, 1st September, 1911.

Hon. Mr. R. McKenzie.

COAL-MINES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 3. Section 40 of principal Act amended. 2. Applications for leases under principal Act to
be determined within six months.

5. Section 80 of principal antended.

5. Additional powers conferred on Minister.

A BILL INTITULED

An Acr 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 Amendment Act, Short Tible. 1911, and shall form part of and be read together with the Coalmines Act, 1908, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. Section eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by Applications for

10 adding to paragraph (i) thereof the following proviso:—

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"Provided that the application shall be finally determined within disposed of within six months from the date of the filing thereof, or within such extended time as, in special circumstances and with the consent in writing of the Minister, the Warden or Commissioner appoints.

3. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by Section 40 of omitting from paragraph (j)-thereof-the words-"three-hours have,"-and principal Act substituting-the-words-" one-hour-has-" (48) the words "and registered under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.

six months.

4. Section eighty of the principal Act is hereby amended by Section 80 of omitting from subsection four thereof the words "the aforesaid principal Act Minister and Public Trustee jointly for the purposes of the said relief," and substituting the words "the Public Trustee in accordance with regulations to be from time to time made by the Governor 25 in that behalf."

amended.

5. In addition to the powers conferred by section one hundred Additional powers and twelve of the principal Act, the Minister may from time to time, conferred on Minister. on behalf of His Majesty, in pursuance of regulations in that behalf, purchase-and-sell-coal obtained from mines not subject to Part II of the 30 principal Act, and may also purchase and sell coke and firewood.

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