[As reported from the Committee of the Whole.] House of Representatives, 5th September, 1911.

Hon. Mr. R. McKenzie.

COAL-MINES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS

1. Short Title. 3. Section 40 of principal Act amended. 2. Applications for leases under principal Act to 4. Section 80 of principal Act amended. be determined within six months. 5. Additional powers conferred on Minister.

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 Amendment Act, Short Title. 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 leases under principal Act to be determined within six months.

10 adding to paragraph (i) thereof the following proviso:— "Provided that the application shall be finally 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.

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

Section 40 of principal Act amended.

20 4. Section eighty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection four thereof the words "the aforesaid 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."

Section 80 of principal Act amended.

5. In addition to the powers conferred by section one hundred and twelve of the principal Act, the Minister may from time to time, 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

Additional powers conferred on Minister.

30 principal Act, and may also purchase and sell coke and firewood.

6. Section thirty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended Section 38 of by repealing the words "entitled to be" in subsection one thereof.

principal Act amended.