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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
28th October, 1911.*

Hon. Mr. R. McKenzie.

COAL-MINES AMENDMENT.

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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 follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1911, and shall form part of and be read together with the Coal-mines Act, 1908, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Short Title.

2. Section eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (i) thereof the following proviso:—

Applications for leases under principal Act to be determined within six months.

“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.”

3. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (48) the words “and registered under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908.”

Section 40 of principal Act amended.

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 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, on behalf of His Majesty, may from time to time purchase and sell coke and firewood in pursuance of regulations in that behalf.

Additional powers conferred on Minister.

6. (1.) A miner shall be paid overtime when he is employed underground for more than eight hours in any day, counting from the time he enters the mine to the time he leaves the same. Such overtime shall be paid at the rate of not less than time and a

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quarter for all time worked in excess of the said eight hours, and shall be payable notwithstanding the provisions of any award or industrial agreement now or hereafter to be in force.

(2.) Every miner employed, whether underground or not, on a Sunday or on a holiday shall be paid at the rate of one-and-a-half times his ordinary wages. 5

(3.) Notwithstanding the provisions of any award or industrial agreement, every miner shall be allowed at least thirty minutes for crib-time out of every working-day of eight hours.

(4.) For the purposes of this section "miner" means any workman employed in or about a mine. 10

Repeals.

(5.) Section thirty-eight of the principal Act, and sections two and five of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1908, are hereby repealed.