

Hon. Mr. MacDonald.

COAL-MINES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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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:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Coal-mines Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Publication of regulations.

2. The provisions of sections forty-three and forty-four of the principal Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to all regulations under that Act or under any amending Act, in which the duties of any mine officials may be prescribed.

Section 40 of principal Act amended.

3. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subparagraph (j) of paragraph (2) thereof the words "may be drawn by a copper pricker, but"; and by repealing the proviso to the said subparagraph.

Section 46 of principal Act amended.

4. (1.) Section forty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting all words after the words "each guilty of an offence against this Act."

Repeal.

(2.) This section is in substitution for subsection two of section thirteen of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914, and that subsection is hereby accordingly repealed.

Section 52 of principal Act amended.

5. Section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection:—

"(1A.) The owner, agent, or manager of every mine shall also keep in the office at the mine a separate plan showing the system of ventilation in the mine, and in particular the general direction of the currents, the points where the quantity of air is measured, and the principal devices for the regulation and distribution of the air, and on

every such plan the intake airways shall be coloured blue and the return airways red.”

Section 8 of Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914, amended.

6. Section eight of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (46) (b) of paragraph (i) the words—

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“Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit the establishment and use in any mine of properly appointed and equipped lamp-stations for the purpose of relighting safety-lamps.”