

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

CRIMINAL CODE ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.

1. Short Title.

2. Age of consent raised to sixteen.

3. Sections 194 and 195 of principal Act amended.

4. Time extended under section 196.

5. Repeal.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Further Provision for the Protection of Girls. 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 Criminal Code Act Amendment Act, 1895." Short Title.

10 2. Sections one hundred and eighty-eight and one hundred and ninety-six of "The Criminal Code Act, 1893," as amended by "The Criminal Code Act Amendment Act, 1894," are hereby respectively amended by the substitution of the word "sixteen" for the word fifteen," wherever this word occurs in the aforesaid sections, and in the provisoes thereof respectively, by virtue of the last-mentioned Act. Age of consent raised to sixteen.

15 3. Sections one hundred and ninety-four and one hundred and ninety-five of "The Criminal Code Act, 1893," are hereby amended by adding the following words in each of the said sections: "It shall be no defence to an indictment for an offence under this section that the girl consented to such offence." Sections 194 and 195 of principal Act amended.

20 4. The last paragraph of the aforesaid section one hundred and ninety-six is hereby amended by the omission of the words "one month" and the substitution of the words "two months" in lieu thereof. Time extended under section 196.

25 5. "The Criminal Code Act Amendment Act, 1894," is hereby repealed. Repeal.