

Hon. Mr. Bell.

DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes 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 Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Amendment Act, 1912, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. Section twenty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended— Section 21 of the principal Act amended.

(a.) By omitting from paragraph (f) thereof the word "ten," and substituting the word "seven";

(b.) By omitting from the same paragraph the word "twelve," and substituting the word "ten." Remarriage of divorced person.

3. (1.) When a decree for dissolution of marriage has been made absolute, but no sooner, it shall be lawful for the respective parties thereto to marry again as if the prior marriage had been dissolved by death.

(2.) Section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section seventy-two or seventy-three of the principal Act, no appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal or to His Majesty in Council from any decree making absolute a decree *nisi* for the dissolution of a marriage. Appeals against decrees for dissolution of marriage.

5. No marriage which has been heretofore celebrated after the making of a decree absolute for the dissolution of the prior marriage Validation of certain marriages.

of either of the parties shall be deemed to be or to have been invalid merely on the ground that it was so celebrated before the expiration of the time limited for appealing against that decree :

Provided that nothing in this section shall invalidate any marriage celebrated between any persons before the passing of this Act. 5

Application of Act.

6. This Act shall apply to every decree which is made absolute after the passing of this Act, whether the decree *nisi* was made before or after the passing thereof.

By Authority : JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1912.