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DOMESTIC SERVANTS' HALF-HOLIDAY.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to secure a Weekly Half-holiday for Domestic Servants. 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 Domestic Servants' Half-holiday Act, 1896," and it shall come into operation on the first day of *November*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. Short Title.

2. "Domestic servants" means and includes all women engaged in domestic service, as enumerated in the Schedule hereto. Interpretation.

10 3. From and after the coming into operation of this Act, all domestic servants shall have a half-holiday from the hour of three of the clock in the afternoon of one working-day in each week, as hereinafter provided. Half-holiday shall be from three o'clock in the afternoon.

15 4. Within the limits of cities, boroughs, and town districts, the half-holiday fixed under the provisions of "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," shall be the half-holiday required by this Act; and, in all places outside the above-mentioned limits, the half-holiday required by this Act shall be held in the afternoon of such day in each week as may be agreed upon. The day upon which half-holiday shall be kept.

20 5. Within the limits of cities, boroughs, and town districts, where more than one domestic servant is employed in any house, it shall be competent for the employer to fix the day upon which the half-holiday required by this Act shall be observed by the various domestic servants: Provided, however, that one domestic servant shall be entitled to a half-holiday upon the day mentioned in section four of this Act. Where more than one domestic servant is employed, employer shall regulate half-holiday amongst various servants.

25 6. If any domestic servant be employed in her ordinary employment contrary to the provisions of this Act, the employer shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for each offence in respect of each domestic servant so employed. Penalty.

Charge to be heard
by Stipendiary
Magistrate, or two
or more Justices of
the Peace.

7. Where any person is charged with an offence against this Act, such charge shall be heard, and all penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered, in a summary way before a Stipendiary Magistrate or two or more Justices of the Peace, in the manner provided by "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

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SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

HOUSEMAIDS,
Parlourmaids,
Kitchenmaids,

Laundresses,
Cooks,
General servants,

Waitresses,
Nursegirls,
House-assistants.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1896.