

Bill of the Hon. Mr. Justice... Mr. Payne...

DOMINION SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

ANALYSIS.

- Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Work on Saturday to cease at noon. 3. Owners may keep shops open till nine o'clock. 4. Penalty. 5. Head of Department of State service liable for breach. 6. Liability where breach by company. 7. Shops and Offices Act, 1908, amended.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Purpose of securing the Workers of the Dominion who now work on Saturday Afternoons the Benefit accruing from having a Continuous Holiday from Noon, Saturday, until Monday Morning.

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 Dominion Saturday Half-holiday Act, 1912.
2. From the date of the passing of this Act all workers employed in railway-construction works, railway permanent-way department, or in any State Department where Saturday afternoon work is not absolutely necessary for the running of trains or for any other public utility purpose, and all assistants and clerks in offices and shops (but not including workers in hotels, restaurants, fruit, fish, and confectionery and refreshment shops) shall cease work at noon on Saturdays.
3. All owners of shops shall have power, and are hereby empowered to keep open their shops from noon on Saturday until nine o'clock at night, provided that only one person is in charge of such shop, and that person shall be the owner himself or some member of his family.
4. The penalty for a breach of the provisions of this Act shall be five pounds for each offence, and action shall be taken by an Inspector of Factories when a contravention of this Act is alleged to have taken place, and such Inspector shall summon the party so committing a breach of this Act to appear before the Magistrate's Court of the district.
5. In the case of a breach of the Act having been committed by any Department of the State service, the person in charge of the

Department in which the breach has been committed shall be the party liable under the Act, and such person shall be liable to the penalties laid down herein under section *four* hereof as would obtain in connection with a similar breach committed by a private individual or individuals.

Liability where  
breach by company.

6. In the case of a business owned by a company committing a breach of the provisions of this Act, the managing director, or any of the directors, and each of them, shall be severally liable under the provisions hereof.

Shops and Offices  
Act, 1908, amended.

7. The Shops and Offices Act, 1908, is hereby amended in so far as is necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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