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*House of Representatives,
15th July, 1926.*

Hon. Mr. Rolleston.

EVIDENCE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Section 5 of Evidence Act amended to enable accused person and wife or husband of accused person to give evidence in proceedings before Justices in indictable offences.</p> | <p>3. Wife or husband of person charged with bigamy may be called as witness.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Evidence 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 Evidence Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Evidence Act, 1908.

Short Title.

2. Subsection one of section five of the Evidence Act, 1908, is hereby amended by omitting the words "upon his trial for," and substituting the words "in any proceeding in connection with"; and by omitting the words "upon such trial," and substituting the words "in such proceeding."

Section 5 of Evidence Act amended to enable accused person and wife or husband of accused person to give evidence in proceedings before Justices in indictable offences.

3. The wife or husband of a person charged with bigamy may be called as a witness either for the prosecution or defence and without the consent of the person charged.

Wife or husband of person charged with bigamy may be called as witness.

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4 & 5 Geo. 5, c. 58, s. 28 (3)