This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the House or Representatives for its concurrence.

Legislative Council. 29th August, 1902.

AS REPORTED FROM THE LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE HOUSE OF REPRE-SENTATIVES, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1902.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

FACTORIES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Short Title. 2. Permit for overtime. 3. Section 31 of principal Actamended. 4. Section 44 of principal Act amended.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Factories Act, 1901."

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Factories Amendment Short Title. Act, 1902"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Factories Act, 1901" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act ").

2. (1.) It shall not be lawful to extend the working-hours of Permit for 10 any woman or boy under section twenty-two of the principal Act overtime. unless the occupier of the factory has first obtained from the Inspector a warrant in the prescribed form.

- (2.) Written application for such warrant shall be made to the 15 Inspector by the occupier previous to the commencement of the proposed extension, specifying the names of the women or boys to whom the extension is intended to apply, and the period of the extension.
- (3.) If the Inspector is of opinion that such extension would be 20 dangerous or hurtful to the health of any of the persons named in the application, he shall refuse to grant a warrant in respect of such persons.

(4.) The occupier shall cause the warrant to be posted in some conspicuous part of the factory during the extended hours specified 25 in the warrant.

(5.) The Inspector shall keep a record of the names of all those women or boys in respect of whom a warrant is granted, and shall note against the name of each the extended hours worked by him or her, so that the full amount of overtime permitted by the said 30 section twenty-two shall not in any case be exceeded.

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New subsection.

(6.) Notice shall, during some part of the working-day immediately preceding that on which the extension is intended to apply, be given to every woman or boy to whom such extension is intended to apply, or, where such notice is impracticable, the occupier shall, in 5 addition to any payment for overtime, provide every such woman or boy either with a sufficient meal between the hour at which the factory ordinarily closes and the hour at which the extension is to commence, or with an allowance of not less than one shilling, such allowance to be paid on the day on which such extension is to apply 10 not later than the hour at which the factory ordinarily closes.

3. Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing all the words of subsection one thereof after the words "five shillings per week," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "during the first year of employment for every person under twenty 15 years of age, with an annual increase of not less than three shillings per week during every succeeding year of employment in the same

trade until twenty years of age."

4. Section forty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding after the words "human consumption," the words "or of any textile fabric"; and by repealing the words "of food" in subsection 20 three thereof.

Section 31 of principal Act amended.

Section 44 of principal Act amended.

By Authority: John Mackay, Government Printer, Wellington. 1902.