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An Acr to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Care, Custody, and Education of Children in Industrial Schools.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Industrial Schools Act, 1882."

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,-

"Minister" means the person for the time being holding the office of Minister of Education under "The Education Act, 1877:"

"Judge" means any Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, or 10 of any District Court in New Zealand:

"Resident Magistrate" means any Resident Magistrate holding office under "The Resident Magistrates Act, 1867," or any Act passed in lieu thereof:

"Local body" means the Council of any Municipal Corporation, or of 15 any County Council or Road Board, or Board of Commissioners, or of Wardens, or of Trustees, or other body empowered to levy rates, and also includes any Charitable Aid Board or other body formed under any Act now or hereafter to be passed relating to the administration of 20 charitable relief of any sort:

"Child" means any boy or girl being under the age of fifteen years, or, in the absence of positive evidence as to age, being under the apparent age of fifteen years in the opinion of the Resident Magistrate or Judge dealing with such boy or girl under the provisions of this Act.

"Inmate" means any person under the age of twenty-one years who is now 25 or shall hereafter be lawfully detained in any school by authority conferred by this Act, or by any Act hereby repealed, or who is now or shall hereafter be licensed out or apprenticed under such authority:

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"Parent" means the father, stepfather, grandfather, mother, stepmother, or grandmother, or a brother, if of full age, of a child born in lawful wedlock, or the mother of a bastard child; and, as to any child, includes the person who has become the adopting parent thereof within the meaning of "The Adoption of Children Act, 1881:"

"School," or "industrial school," means any school established under this Act:

"Government school" means any school as hereinbefore defined supported mainly by public moneys of the colony voted for the purpose, or by endowments out of the public estate, and which school is mentioned in the Schedule hereto as such, or declared by the Minister, by notice in the Gazette, to be such:

"Local school" means any school as hereinbefore defined supported either wholly or partially by the public moneys of any local body or bodies: Provided that such school be mentioned in the Schedule hereto as such, or be declared by the Minister, by notice in the Gazette, to be

such:

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"Private school" means any school as hereinbefore defined supported either wholly or partially by the moneys or endowments of private persons, or any school which is entirely under the management of private persons, including in the term "private persons," for the purposes of this definition, corporate bodies not being local bodies: Provided that such school is mentioned in the Schedule hereto as such, or declared by the Minister, by notice in the Gazette, to be such:

"Manager" means the manager of any school as herein defined:

"Prescribed" means prescribed by any rules or regulations made under

"This Act" includes any regulations made under this Act.

ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND ABOLITION OF SCHOOLS.

3. The schools or institutions mentioned in the Schedule to this Act shall Schools in Schedule 30 be deemed to have been established under this Act, as Government, local, or to be deemed private schools, as mentioned in such Schedule, and shall be known for the pur- Act. poses of this Act by the names therein mentioned.

4. The Minister may from time to time, at such place or places within the Minister empowered colony as he shall think fit, and also on any vessel acquired for the purpose, to establish schools, purchase lands, &c. 35 establish new Government schools by notice by the Minister in the Gazette, and shall maintain all Government schools under this Act:

Provided that any Government schools hereafter established shall have an official name, which shall be specified in the said notice.

The Minister may from time to time purchase, take upon lease, or otherwise 40 acquire such pieces or parcels of land, either with or without buildings, and erect such buildings or premises thereon, as he may think necessary, and may also purchase, charter, or otherwise acquire such vessels as he may deem necessary for the purposes of carrying this Act into execution.

5. All lands, buildings, or premises, and any vessels when purchased, Lands, &c., to be 45 leased, chartered, or acquired as aforesaid, shall be vested in Her Majesty vested in Queen. and her successors for such estate or interest as may be purchased or otherwise acquired therein.

6. The powers of making reserves of Crown lands, vested in the Governor Power to reserve by the one hundred and forty-fourth section of "The Land Act, 1877," are Crown lands for sites for Government

hereby declared to be capable of being used for the purpose of making reserves for sites for Government schools: Provided that no such site shall exceed one hundred acres in area.

Government school to be provided with furniture, &c.

7. Every Government school shall be provided, out of moneys to be appropriated for that purpose by the General Assembly, with such furniture, utensils, tools of trade, appliances, or fittings, as the Minister shall think necessary to carry on the proper and efficient teaching of the inmates thereof; and any vessel acquired as before mentioned may, out of moneys appropriated as aforesaid, be rigged, fitted up, and provided with such nautical appliances, rigging, and tackle as may be expedient for the proper and efficient instruction of the 10 inmates thereof in seamanship and navigation.

Local school or private school may be approved for purposes of Act. 8. If any institution now or hereafter in existence in the colony, but not established under this Act, shall be approved by the Minister for the purposes of this Act and shall by notice to that effect in the Gazette, signed or purporting to be signed by the Minister, be declared to be a local school or 15 a private school, as the case may be, then, until such approval be withdrawn by a like notice, the same shall be deemed to be established as a local or private school within the meaning of this Act, according as the notice of approval shall state, and shall be known by such name as is therein mentioned, and shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Act so far as they relate to local 20 schools or private schools.

Provided always that, if any such school so approved as aforesaid shall be supported for any one or more than one religious denomination exclusively, no child shall be sent to the same unless he shall belong to such denomination, or to one of such denominations if more than one; and every notice approving such school shall state the denomination or denominations, if any, for which the same is supported.

Minister may agree as to terms of approval.

9. The Minister may at the time of approving such school, or at any time or times thereafter, enter into such agreement with the persons or bodies having control of such school as to the terms or conditions on which such approval is 30 given, either as to cost or otherwise, as he shall think fit, and may, from time to time, vary, or alter, or annul such agreement, or make a new agreement in lieu thereof.

Minister may appoint managers and other officers of Government schools. 10. The Minister may from time to time appoint fit and proper persons to be officers, teachers, and servants in Government schools, and such other persons 35 as he may think necessary to perform the several duties by this Act required to be performed in regard to Government schools, and some person shall be in like manner appointed to be manager of each Government school.

Minister may appoint manager of local or private school. Minister may appoint Inspectors. 11. The Minister may also from time to time appoint some person to be manager of a local or private school within the meaning of this Act.

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Gazette notice of approval of school to be sufficient evidence. 12. The Minister may from time to time appoint one or more persons to be Inspector or Inspectors of Industrial Schools, to inspect the same according to the regulations to be made hereunder.

Minister may abolish school, or withdraw approval,

and sell lands, &c.

13. Notice in the Gazette, if signed or purporting to be signed by the Minister, that any school has been established or approved as aforesaid for the 45 purposes of this Act, shall for all purposes be sufficient evidence of the existence of such school, and that it has been duly established under this Act.

14. The Minister may from time to time, by notice in the Gazette, abolish any Government school, or declare that any school mentioned in the Schedule hereto as a local school or a private school, from and after a date to be mentioned 50 in such notice, shall cease to be a local school or a private school respectively within the meaning of this Act, or may withdraw his approval given as aforesaid

from any school, and thenceforth the same shall cease to be a school for the purposes of this Act.

Upon such abolition or withdrawal of approval the Minister shall have full power to sell, in such manner, at such times, and on such terms in all respects 5 as he shall think fit, any land, buildings, premises, ships, or other property whatsoever vested in Her Majesty for the purposes of a school so abolished, or of which the approval has been withdrawn as aforesaid.

The moneys received by virtue of any such sale, after paying the expenses thereof, shall be paid into the Public Account, and form part of the Consolidated 10 Fund.

Any document or assurance necessary for vesting any real or personal property sold under this section in the purchaser thereof may be executed by the Governor in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty.

15. When any Government school is abolished, or any local or private Inmates of abolished 15. When any Government school is abstract, or any state of the school to be transferred or discharged. approval of any local or private school is withdrawn under the provisions hereof, the inmates detained therein shall, by order of the Governor, be either transferred to some other school or discharged, subject always to the provisions set forth in the second clause of section thirty hereof.

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HOW CHILDREN BECOME INMATES.

16. Any constable, finding a child answering to one or other of the descrip- Constable may take tions following, may immediately, without any warrant, take such child before any child answering the nearest available Resident Magistrate, to be dealt with according to this Act:-- or, on complaint of

(1.) Any child having no means of subsistence, or whose parent respectable person, is in indigent circumstances and unable to support such child;

(2.) Any child found begging or receiving alms, or being in any street or public place for the purpose of begging or receiving alms;

(3.) Any child found wandering about or frequenting any street, thoroughfare, hotel, or place of public resort, or sleeping in the open air, and not have any home or settled place of abode, or any visible means of subsistence;

(4.) Any child residing in any brothel, or associating or dwelling with any person known or reputed to be a prostitute or habitual drunkard, or with any person convicted of vagrancy under any Act or Ordinance now or hereafter to be in force:

On the complaint on oath of any constable that a child is such a child as described in this section, a Resident Magistrate may issue a warrant to cause such child to be brought before him on a day to be named therein.

17. Any parent having a child whom he is unable to control, and wishing Parent may bring 40 him to be sent to a school, may, without any warrant, take such child before uncontrollable child the nearest available Resident Magistrate, and if he prove to the satisfaction of Magistrate, such Resident Magistrate that he is unable to control such child, and give security to the satisfaction of such Resident Magistrate for the payment of the maintenance of such child, the Resident Magistrate may make an order such 45 as mentioned in the next section hereof.

18. Whenever any child shall be brought before any Resident Magistrate Resident Magistrate under the two last preceding sections, such Resident Magistrate may, after inquiry, to hear evidence, and may issue order sendand the hearing of such evidence as may be adduced before him, make an order ing child to a school. in the prescribed form directing such child to be sent forthwith to a school, to

Resident Magistrate may issue warrant to bring child before

be there detained until he shall have attained the age of fifteen years, unless previously discharged under the provisions hereof.

In addition to or in lieu of sentence, convicted child may be sent to a school.

19. The Judge before whom, or the Resident Magistrate by whom, a child shall be convicted of any offence punishable by imprisonment, or before whom a child shall be accused of any offence punishable by imprisonment or some less punishment, which child so accused ought nevertheless in the opinion of such Judge or Resident Magistrate, regard being had to his age or circumstances, to be sent to a school, may, in addition to the sentence may be passed as a punishment for the offence of which such child is convicted, or in lieu of passing such sentence, or in the case of a 10 child so accused as aforesaid whether such child be convicted or not, order such child to be sent at the expiration of such sentence to any school, to be there detained up to the age of fifteen years.

Order as to child convicted by two Justices of the Peace to be made by Resident Magistrate.

20. When any child has been convicted by two or more Justices of any offence punishable by imprisonment, such order as mentioned in the preceding 15 section may be made at any time subsequently to such conviction by any Resident Magistrate upon the application of any respectable person.

Judge or Resident Magistrate, when making order, to fix age of child, and say what school child to be taken to.

21. Any Judge or Resident Magistrate shall, when making any order under sections eighteen, nineteen, and twenty hereof, in his own discretion, fix the age of such child, after hearing such evidence as may be adduced before him at 20 the time of making the said order, and shall specify the same in the order, and such order shall also state which school the child dealt with thereby is to be detained in.

Order as to convicted child not to form part of judgment.

22. When any child shall be ordered to be detained under section nineteen hereof, such order shall not be included in, or form any part of, 25 the judgment or adjudication passed upon such child, but shall be a distinct and collateral proceeding.

Clerk or Registrar of Court to forward copy of order to Minister.

23. The Clerk or Registrar of the Court in which any order under the eighteenth, nineteenth, or twentieth sections hereof, shall be issued as aforesaid, shall, immediately upon the issue of the same, forward a true copy thereof to 30 the Minister; and if he shall from any cause fail to do so he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Child may be admitted an inmate by agreement.

24. Any child may be admitted as an inmate of any school upon such terms as to cost of maintenance and education thereof and otherwise howsoever as may be agreed upon between the parent of such child and the manager of such school, 35 or between any person authorized by the Governor or any local body to act as a Relieving Officer for the purposes of this Act.

Governor may order that any person under eighteen sentenced to an inmate under Act.

25. The Governor may, if he think fit, order that any person under the age of eighteen, who has been sentenced to imprisonment, shall, either in lieu of or imprisonment become after serving his term of imprisonment or any part thereof, be and he shall 40 thereby become an inmate within the meaning of this Act.

> Such order shall specify the particular school of which such person shall be deemed to be an inmate.

GUARDIANSHIP OF INMATES.

Guardianship vested in manager.

26. The guardianship of every inmate detained in a school, except an 45 inmate admitted under section twenty-four hereof, shall be vested in the manager for the time being of the school where such inmate is for the time being detained.

In the case of an inmate who is licensed out or apprenticed, as herein provided for, or who has been licensed out or apprenticed under the hereby 50 repealed Acts, or who has attained the age of fifteen years, such guardianship shall be vested in the manager for the time being of the school where such

inmate was last detained, or of which he is deemed to be an inmate under the preceding section.

Any guardianship created under this section shall last until the inmate has attained the age of twenty-one years, or until he has been previously discharged.

27. Each manager shall, as such guardian as aforesaid, have all and singular Powers of manager the powers and authorities over the inmate of whom he is guardian as aforesaid as guardian. which a guardian of the person of an infant appointed by the Supreme Court would have.

The parent of any child being an inmate shall wholly cease to have any legal 10 control or guardianship over such inmate so long as he continues to be an

28. The Governor may at any time make an order that the guardianship Governor may transof any inmate may be transferred from the manager in whom it is then vested under this Act to such person as he may by such order appoint; and such 15 transferre shall have all the powers conferred upon managers by the preceding

fer guardianship.

29. On any school being abolished as hereinbefore provided, or upon any When school local or private school mentioned in the Schedule hereto being declared to cease to be such, or when the approval of the Minister is withdrawn from any manager as guardian. 20 local or private school, as before mentioned, the Minister may appoint the manager for the time being of some other school to exercise all the powers as a guardian which are then vested in the manager of the school so abolished, or as aforesaid declared to cease to be a local or private school, or from which approval has been so withdrawn, and thereupon such manager so appointed shall 25 have and may exercise the said powers.

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DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER OF INMATES.

30. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Governor may, at any Inmates, how distime during the detention under the provisions of this Act of any inmate, order charged or transthe discharge of such inmate from the school in which such inmate may be 30 detained, and thereupon he shall wholly cease to be an inmate within the meaning of this Act, or the Governor may order the transfer of such inmate from one school to any other school.

The power of transferring inmates from one school to another hereby conferred shall not authorize the transfer of any inmate of a private school 35 intended as before mentioned for the use of any one or more religious denominations to any other school, or from any other school to any private school intended as before mentioned for any one or more religious denominations, unless the transfer shall be such as that the inmate shall not be deprived of the religious teaching of the denomination to which he belongs.

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COST OF MAINTENANCE OF INMATES, HOW DEFRAYED.

31. The whole cost of the conduct and management of all Government Cost of Government schools, and all other costs and expenses whatsoever relating to the maintenance and education of children being inmates of Government schools, and all priated by Parliaother costs and expenses connected with or incidental to the administration of 45 this Act, or to the exercise of any of the powers hereby conferred upon the Governor, or the Minister, or other public officer, shall be paid out of the public moneys of the colony appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose, but

without prejudice to the provisions hereof requiring parents or others to contribute towards the support of inmates.

32. The parent of every inmate shall, if of sufficient ability so to do, contribute to the support of such inmate such sum as he shall be ordered to pay by any Judge or Resident Magistrate as hereinafter appears.

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33. The Judge or Resident Magistrate, at the time of making an order under the eighteenth, nineteenth, or twentieth sections hereof, shall, if the parent of such child be then before him, make an order in the prescribed form directing such parent to pay eight shillings a week towards the maintenance and education of such child, unless such parent shall clearly prove to his satisfaction 10 that he is unable to pay so much, in which case the Judge or Resident Magistrate may make an order for the payment of any lesser sum than eight shillings a week, unless such parent shall clearly prove to the satisfaction of the Resident Magistrate that he is unable to pay any sum whatever:

An order may be made under this section against the putative father 15 of a bastard child against whom an order for the support of such child has been made, but so that he shall not have, by an order under this section, to pay a greater sum in the whole than that remaining unpaid under the said order for support; and any order made against such putative father under this section shall, to the extent of the payments thereby ordered to be made by him, dis- 20 charge him from liability under the said order for support.

34. The manager for the time being the guardian of any inmate, or any person appointed by the Minister for the purpose, either generally or for any particular case, may apply to a Resident Magistrate for a summons in the prescribed form to be served on the parent of such inmate for the purpose of 25 obtaining contribution towards the maintenance and education of such inmate.

On the return of such summons the Resident Magistrate shall proceed to hear the same, and he shall thereupon make an order in the prescribed form for the payment of such weekly sum as he shall think fit, subject to the same provisions as to the amount of the same as if such parent had been before him 30 at the committal of the said child as mentioned in the preceding section.

Such order may also adjudge the parent to pay either in one or more sums, as may be therein mentioned, such sum in respect of the past maintenance of such child, at a rate not exceeding eight shillings a week. as the

Resident Magistrate making the same shall think fit. 35. Any Resident Magistrate may, on the application of any parent, or of

the manager for the time being the guardian of the inmate in respect of whose maintenance the contribution is payable, or on the application of any person appointed by the Minister for the purpose, either generally or for any particular case, at any time while any order made under sections thirty-three or thirty-four 40 hereof continues in force, make further inquiry into such parent's ability to contribute as aforesaid, and, by order in the prescribed forms, may remit or lessen the amount of the weekly payments that shall have been adjudged by the then existing order, or increase the same if he sees cause so to do, and such remission, lessening, or increase may also apply to any period prior to the 45 making of such complaint; but the amount shall not in any case be such that a parent shall be compelled to pay in the whole a larger sum than at the rate of eight shillings for every week for which such inmate shall have been or may

36. Whenever, after the making of any one of such orders as are mentioned 50 in the last three preceding sections of this Act, it shall be made to appear to any Resident Magistrate, by the manager for the time being the guardian of the inmate in respect of whose maintenance and education any

Order against parent if not present at committal, which may also include past maintenance.

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Amount of contribution may be lessened or increased.

Distress may issue if amount of order not paid.

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moneys are payable under any such order, or by any person authorized by the Minister in that behalf either generally or for any particular case, that the whole or any portion of any weekly or other sum to be paid in pursuance of such order has not been paid, such Resident Magistrate may issue a warrant of distress in 5 the prescribed form, directed to the bailiff of the Court or to some other fit person to be named in such warrant, authorizing and requiring him to levy or cause to be levied such sum of money as shall be ordered or adjudged to be paid, or so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid, and also the costs of the execution, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the party against whom such order 10 shall have been made.

37. All the provisions of the Resident Magistrates Act as to the execution provisions of Resiof distress warrants, and, generally, as to the execution of judgments in Resident dent Magistrate Acts Magistrates' Courts, shall, mutatis mutandis, be applicable for the recovery of apply to orders. the moneys payable under orders made under sections thirty-three, thirty-four, 15 and thirty-five hereof.

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38. All moneys payable by parents under orders made under sections thirty- Moneys received from three, thirty-four, and thirty-five hereof, or by local bodies, or otherwise, under the parent's or local provisions of this Act, in respect of inmates, or as the products of the labour of inmates, shall be paid to the manager for the time being the guardian of the 20 inmate in respect of whom such moneys are payable, and shall by such manager, with all convenient speed, be paid into the Public Account, and form part of the Consolidated Fund of the colony.

bodies to be part of public revenue.

POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS, AND AS TO VISITORS AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

39. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make regulations Governor in Council 25 prescribing the form of all orders, summonses, applications, or other docu- may make regulations ments referred to in this Act, or needful to be used for the purposes of this schools. Act, and for the conduct, management, supervision, and inspection of Government schools, for the employment, education, diet, clothing, correction, and religious instruction and industrial training of the inmates thereof, for the 30 classifying of them, and keeping certain of them separate and apart from others, either according to sex or character, place of committal, cause of committal, or antecedents, or otherwise; and so that such regulations may either be general and relating to all Government schools, or the inmates thereof, or may relate only to one or more Government schools, or the inmates thereof.

40. The Governor in Council may make regulations as to the inspection Governor in Council 35 of all industrial schools, or any one or more of them, and the licensing out or may make regulations apprenticing of the inmates thereof, and also for the supervision of such inmates schools, or as to inafter they have left the school but while the guardianship of the manager still mates during

as to inspection of all guardianship.

41. No regulations made under either of the two last-preceding sections Regulations not to be 40 shall be repugnant to or inconsistent with this Act, or shall authorize the infliction inconsistent with of any corporal punishment except such as may be lawfully inflicted by schoolmasters.

42. Subject to the regulations to be made as hereinbefore mentioned, all What persons en-45 persons authorized in that behalf by the Minister, including therein Inspectors of Industrial Schools appointed hereunder, all members of the Legislative Council or House of Representatives, all Judges of the Supreme Court or any District Court, and all Justices of the Peace shall be entitled to visit at all reasonable times any Government or local school, and shall have admission to the same 50 accordingly.

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43. All Inspectors of industrial schools, appointed hereunder, shall be entitled to visit at all reasonable times any private school hereunder, and shall have admission to the same accordingly.

44. Subject to the regulations to be made as hereinbefore mentioned, all ministers of religion shall have admission to every school in which any of the 5 inmates shall belong to the particular denomination to which such ministers respectively belong, and shall have access to such of the inmates thereof as may belong to their respective denominations, and may give instruction to them on the days and at the times appointed by such regulations for the religious education of the inmates belonging to their particular denominations respectively.

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45. Every person who by virtue of the provisions hereinbefore contained is entitled to visit any school, and every minister of religion, may inscribe in a book (to be provided and kept in such school by the manager) any remarks or observations which he may think fit to make touching or concerning such school, or the manager, officers, teachers, servants, or inmates thereof, or any of them.

46. The Governor or any Judge or Resident Magistrate shall, when ordering any child to be sent to a school, state to what religious persuasion, creed, or denomination such child in his opinion belongs, and shall order and direct that such child shall be brought up and educated in that persuasion, creed, or denomination:

Provided always that the father or mother of any inmate, or, in the case of an orphan inmate, any adult person being the parent within the meaning of this Act, of such orphan inmate, may apply to any Resident Magistrate to change. alter, or vary the religious education in which such child is then being brought up or educated to that of any other persuasion, creed, or denomination, and 25 thereupon such Resident Magistrate may make such order as to him shall seem fit.

47. The Governor or any Judge or Resident Magistrate when ordering any child to be sent to a school, and the Minister when licensing out any inmate, shall, in fixing the school to which such child is to be sent, or the person to 30 whom such inmate is to be licensed, have regard to and comply with all the provisions of this Act as to religious education, and also to any regulations which are made hereunder with respect to the classification of inmates.

LICENSING OUT.

48. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the Minister may, 35 subject to the regulations to be made hereunder, license in the prescribed form any inmate to reside with some person who shall be willing and qualified to receive, take charge of, and qualified to provide for, maintain, and educate such inmate, and so that either the person so taking such inmate shall be paid for the maintenance and education of such inmate at a rate not 40 exceeding ten shillings a week, or shall be entitled to the services of such inmate in lieu of pay, or shall pay wages for his services, and, generally, upon such terms and conditions in all respects as shall be prescribed by regulations aforesaid or specially agreed between the Minister and the person receiving such inmate:

Provided that the Minister shall not make payment for the maintenance and education of any such inmate whose age exceeds twelve years, and that no such license shall be of force after the inmate has attained the age of twenty-one years: and that, if an inmate placed out under this section, and being under the age of fourteen years, has not reached the standard of education prescribed by any 50 regulations under the ninetieth section of "The Education Act, 1877," it shall

be part of the terms on which he is so placed out that he shall have reasonable opportunity of continuing his education until he has attained the age of fourteen vears.

49. The Minister may at any time during the term for which an inmate is Notwithstanding licensed out under this Act, or the hereby repealed Acts, require such inmate to license, Minister may return to the school in which he was last detained, unless he shall have been turn to school. previously discharged as aforesaid.

50. All wages payable to or in respect of any inmate licensed under section Wages of licensed or forty-eight hereof, or apprenticed as hereinafter provided, or licensed out how disposed of. 10 or apprenticed under the hereby repealed Acts, shall be payable to the manager who is his guardian for the time being, and, after payment by the manager thereout of all moneys necessary for the maintenance and education of such inmate, shall be deposited by such manager, in his official name only, in a trust account in the Post Office Savings Bank, which account shall also in the 15 books of the Savings Bank be referred to or headed as "The Earnings of

naming the inmate; and the whole or any portion thereof may be at any time and from time to time withdrawn therefrom, on the application of the manager for the time being, if countersigned by the Minister or some person authorized by him, either generally or for any particular case, and may either be paid over in 20 whole or in part to such inmate or into the Public Account of the colony as part of the Consolidated Fund of the colony, according as the Minister in his own absolute discretion shall direct.

51. Any inmate having any license as aforesaid, who shall abscond from the Licensed inmate person named therein during the term mentioned in such license, or shall neglect absconding held to 25 or refuse to return to the said school at the expiration of the said term, or when school. required as aforesaid, shall be held to have absconded from the said school.

APPRENTICING.

52. Whenever any male inmate being of the age of twelve years at least shall Male inmates, how be desirous of or be thought suited for being apprenticed to the sea service, the apprenticed to sea-service. 30 manager of the school in which he is detained may, with the consent of the Minister, apprentice such inmate to the master or owner of any British ship trading with or registered at any port in the colony, and such apprenticeship shall be for such period of years as may be agreed upon, but so that no such apprenticeship shall be made to last beyond the time when such inmate will attain the age of 35 twenty-one years.

53. The manager who is the guardian for the time being of any inmate, Inmates, how or other his guardian for the time being as hereinbefore mentioned, may, with apprenticed to other the consent of the Minister, apprentice such inmate to some trade or calling with such person or persons as may be thought fit and proper for that purpose, 40 or to some art or trade to which the provisions of "The Government Apprentices Act, 1875," are made to extend with a master under that Act, but so that no such inmate shall be apprenticed under the age of twelve years, nor for a term extending beyond the age of twenty-one years.

54. No inmate shall be apprenticed under this Act unless he has passed Educational standard 45 the standard of education hereinbefore mentioned, or has attained the age of necessary before apprenticing. fourteen years.

55. Every indenture of apprenticeship made under this Act shall be in such Form of apprenticeform as the Minister shall approve, or as shall be prescribed, and shall be exe-ship indenture, how cuted by the manager for the time being the guardian of such inmate, or other

his guardian for the time being as hereinbefore mentioned, and by the inmate and the person to whom the inmate is to be bound, and such binding shall be as valid as if such inmate were of full age, and had bound himself,

Sections of "The 56. Sections twelve and thirteen of "The Master and Apprentice Act. Master and Appren-tice Act, 1865," when 1865," when applied to inmates apprenticed under this Act, shall be read as 5 applied to inmate how requiring the consent of the Minister instead of that of two Justices, as mentioned therein, in relation to the assignment, transfer, or discharge of apprentices.

> 57. The Minister, if from any cause whatsoever it shall seem desirable or expedient to him so to do, may, on the application either of the master or of the apprenticed inmate, requesting him to discharge such apprenticed inmate, 10 inquire into the matter of such application, and either grant or refuse the same; and if the Minister shall grant such application he shall issue an order accordingly in the prescribed form, and every such order shall release and discharge the said master and apprenticed inmate, respectively, from the said apprenticeship, and from every stipulation and agreement incident thereto.

Penalty for gross misconduct of

to be read.

Minister may release and discharge master

or apprentice from

apprenticeship.

apprentice.

58. In case any apprenticed inmate is guilty of any gross misconduct in the service to which such apprenticed inmate is bound, then, upon complaint being made to any Resident Magistrate, and upon notice to the manager who is the guardian for the time being of such apprenticed inmate, such Resident Magistrate may, by certificate under his hand, discharge such apprenticed inmate 20 from such service, and such apprenticed inmate may, either in addition to being discharged or without being discharged as aforesaid, be, on the order of such Resident Magistrate, imprisoned with or without hard labour in any gaol for any term not exceeding one month.

PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES.

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Penalty for manager or other officer permitting escape of inmate.

Penalty for inmate absconding, damaging property, or disobey ing regulations.

59. If the manager of any school, or any officer, teacher, or servant thereof, shall negligently or voluntarily permit any inmate thereof to escape therefrom, every such offender shall on conviction thereof forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

60. If any inmate shall abscord from any school, or wilfully destroy or 30 damage any real or personal property belonging to any such school, or wilfully neglect or refuse to obey or conform to any regulations made hereunder, such inmate shall, on conviction thereof in a summary manner before a Resident Magistrate, be ordered by the said Resident Magistrate to be sent back to the school in which he was detained, or to which he neglected or refused to return as 35 mentioned in the fifty-first section hereof, there to be punished as shall be prescribed; and such inmate, if a male, shall, in addition to such punishment. be liable, at the discretion of such Resident Magistrate, to be privately whipped in such manner as the Resident Magistrate shall direct:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent regulations being made 40 hereunder, prescribing punishment by managers, without conviction before a Resident Magistrate, for inmates committing ordinary breaches of school discipline.

- 61. Any inmate absconding from a school may be immediately apprehended. without a warrant, by any constable, and forthwith taken back to the school from which he has absconded, or forthwith taken before any neighbouring Resident 45 Magistrate to be dealt with according to law.
- 62. Any person who shall directly or indirectly withdraw from any school any inmate thereof, or counsel or induce him to abscond therefrom before

Absconding inmate may be taken by constable back to school, or taken before Resident Magis-

Penalty for person inducing inmate to abscond, or concealing absconded in-

he has been regularly discharged, or who, knowing any such inmate to have been withdrawn or to have absconded from any school, shall harbour or conceal, or assist in harbouring or concealing, such inmate, or prevent him from returning to such school, shall on conviction thereof forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding 5 ten pounds.

63. Any person who without lawful authority or excuse shall hold or Penalty for person attempt to hold any communication with any inmate of any school, and any holding unlawful person who shall enter any such school, or any building or yard belonging inmate, or not leavthereto, and shall not depart therefrom when required so to do by the manager quired by manager-10 or other officer or servant of such school, shall on conviction forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

64. Every information, conviction, order, or warrant under this Act shall Information, &c., be deemed valid and sufficient in which the matter therein dealt with is set when deemed valid and sufficient. 15 forth in the words of this Act, and no conviction, order, or warrant shall be held void by reason of any defect therein: Provided it be alleged in such conviction, order, or warrant that the person therein dealt with had been adjudged to have done the act or acts therein referred to, and which brought him within the scope of this Act, or otherwise that such conviction, order, or 20 warrant was lawfully made or issued under this Act.

65. Every order issued under this Act authorizing the detention of a Evidence as to order child shall be executed and obeyed by the person to whom the same is directed made under this Act. or delivered, and shall be sufficient authority for the detention of the child therein mentioned, according to the terms thereof; and the production thereof, 25 accompanied by a statement signed by the manager of any school that the child named in such order was duly received into and is at the signing thereof detained in such school, or has been otherwise disposed of according to law, shall, in all proceedings whatsoever, be sufficient evidence of the facts by this Act required to be stated in such order, or of the subsequent detention or 30 identity of the child named therein until the contrary be proved.

66. In any action for anything done in obedience to such order as afore- Order, how pleaded. said by any person to whom the same may be directed, or by any other person by his authority or command, it shall be sufficient for the defendant to justify under such order alone, without setting forth the previous proceedings, in like 85 manner as any Sheriff can and may justify under any writ of execution out of the Supreme Court in any civil action, and proof of the matters alleged shall be sufficient evidence in support of such plea.

67. No fee, emolument, or reward whatsoever shall be demanded or taken No fees chargeable by any officer of the Resident Magistrate's Court, or Supreme Court, or District in Courts. 40 Court, for any matter or thing done in any of the said Courts, or by or before a Resident Magistrate or a Judge thereof, in pursuance of the provisions of this

68. Section twenty-three of "The Offences against the Person Act, Section 23 of "The 1867," shall apply to any person to whom any inmate is apprenticed hereunder, Offences against the Person Act, 1867," 45 and also to any person with whom any inmate is licensed to reside hereunder, to apply. and the penalty imposed thereby is also hereby imposed for a neglect by such person to perform any part of the agreement entered into by him respecting such inmate.

69. In any proceeding hereunder before a Resident Magistrate, he shall Power of summoning 50 have the same powers of summoning witnesses, and examining them or the witnesses and adjudging costs.

parties to any application upon oath, as he would in a civil action tried before him, and shall also have the like power of allowing costs to such witnesses against any person concerned in such proceedings.

Powers given by Act may be exercised from time to time. 70. Where power is by this Act given to do anything, it shall imply, unless the context shows that it was not so intended, that such power is capable of being exercised from time to time as occasion shall require; and in the case of appointments it shall include the power of suspending or removing persons from the office to which they were appointed, as often as occasion may require.

Persons now in office deemed appointed under this Act. 71. All persons now in office under the hereby repealed Acts in the schools mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be deemed to have been appointed under 10 this Act.

REPEAL.

Repeal of existing Act,

72. "The Neglected and Criminal Children Act, 1867," "The Neglected and Criminal Children Act 1867 Amendment Act, 1870," "The Neglected Children's Act, 1873," "The Neglected and Criminal Children's Acts Amendment 15 Act, 1875," "The Neglected and Criminal Children Acts Amendment Act, 1881," and "The Naval Training Schools Act, 1874," are hereby repealed.

Schedules.

SCHEDULE.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

Name of School.

Where Situate.

Auckland Industrial School ... Howe Street, Auckland; and Kohimarama, near Auckland.

Burnham Industrial School ... Burnham, in the County of Selwyn.

Caversham Industrial School... Caversham, near Dunedin.

LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Thames Orphanage

. Near Grahamstown.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

St. Mary's Industrial School,

Auckland ... Ponsonby.

St. Mary's Industrial School,

Nelson ... Nelson.

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