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Right Hon. Mr. Massey.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Kauri-gum Industry 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 Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Section two of the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended—

Section 2 of Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, amended.

- (a.) By adding to paragraph (a) of subsection one the words "including the purchase of tools, plant, and other requisites for the extraction and treatment of kauri-gum"; and
- (b.) By inserting, before the word "buildings" in paragraph (e) of the same subsection, the words "land or."

(2.) In addition to the powers relating to the purchase and sale of kauri-gum conferred on the Minister by the said section, the Minister may purchase and sell kauri-gum on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit.

(3.) In any special or ordinary kauri-gum-digging license hereafter issued or renewed under the principal Act the Commissioner issuing or renewing the same may insert a condition that the Minister shall have the right, in priority to all other persons, to purchase all kauri-gum obtained by the holder of such license at not less than the current market price, and on the breach of any such condition the Commissioner may, with the consent of the Minister, cancel the license.

Extended powers of Minister as to purchase and sale of kauri-gum.

3. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act or in any other Act the Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, set apart any area of Crown land

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situated within a kauri-gum district for the purpose of promoting the systematic recovery of kauri-gum and other valuable products contained therein; and may in like manner from time to time exclude any land from the area so set apart:

Provided that the total area set apart under this section shall not exceed at any one time an area of ten thousand acres. 5

Such land to be disposed of by lease in areas not exceeding 3,000 acres.

(2.) The land set apart under this section may be disposed of by the Land Board of the district in which the land is situate, by way of lease in such areas and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed (including a condition as to the working of the land for the extraction of kauri-gum): 10

Provided that no person shall be granted a lease over a greater area than three thousand acres, and no lease shall be for a longer term than twenty-one years.

(3.) The provisions of the Land Act, 1908, or of any Act amending the same, in so far as those provisions impose any limitation as to the area of land that may be held by any person shall not apply in the case of leases granted under this section. 15

Regulations.

(4.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this section. 20

Penalty for unlawfully lighting fires in kauri-gum district.

4. (1.) Every person is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds who lights any fire on any land within a kauri-gum district so as thereby to cause damage or risk of damage to any kauri-gum or other valuable products on or in such land. 25

(2.) If any person convicted under this section is the holder of a special or of an ordinary license or of a gum-buyer's license under the principal Act, his license shall be deemed to be cancelled, and he shall not be entitled to hold any license under the principal Act before the expiry of twelve months from the date of his conviction. 30