

Hon. Mr. R. McKenzie.

MINING AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Mining 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:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mining Amendment Act, 1911, and shall form part of and be read together with the Mining Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Provisions relating to mineral oils and natural gas.

10 2. (1.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, declare that any of the provisions of the principal Act shall apply to prospecting and mining for and the storage of petroleum and other mineral oils and of natural gas, and may from time to time define the district within which any such Order in Council shall take effect.

15 (2.) Compensation shall in no case be payable in respect of the value of any mineral oil or natural gas on or in any land taken under the provisions of the principal Act in respect of which the owners of the land have consented to the issue of a mineral prospecting warrant.

20 (3.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations for the efficient control of operations in connection with prospecting or mining for and the storage of mineral oils and natural gas, and for the prevention of unnecessary waste of those materials.

25 (4.) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of "mineral" the words "and includes petroleum and other mineral oils."

Section 76 of principal Act amended.

30 3. Section seventy-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately before the words "lands specified in the warrant," in subsection one, the words "or other," and by adding to that subsection the following:—

35 "Provided that no such warrant shall be issued with respect to any land other than Crown land, unless the consent in writing of the owner and lessee (if any) of the land has been obtained and is produced to the Warden or Commissioner."

Section 105 of principal Act amended.

4. (1.) Section one hundred and five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the proviso thereto, and substituting the following :—

“ Provided that no application to a Warden for a license to take water in a mining district for the use, convenience, or advantage of a district outside the mining district, or for use within the mining district for other than mining operations, or in any case to take more than twenty heads of water, shall be granted except with the consent in writing of the Minister.” 5

Repeal.

(2.) Paragraph (f) of section nineteen of the Mining Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed. 10

Section 254 of principal Act amended.

5. Section two hundred and fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subparagraph (j) of paragraph (3) the words “ three hours have,” and substituting the words “ one hour has.” 15

Section 16 of Amendment Act, 1910, amended.

6. Section sixteen of the Mining Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “ injured while working ” in subsection four, the words “ in a gold-mine.”

Leases and licenses of education reserves, &c., for oil-mining.

7. (1.) At the request of any body in which any land is vested as an education reserve or education endowment the Governor may, on the recommendation of the Warden if in a mining district or of the Commissioner of Crown Lands if not in a mining district, and on such terms as may be stipulated, grant leases or licenses for prospecting or mining for mineral oils or natural gas. 20

(2.) All rents and royalties arising from any such lease or license shall be paid over to the body in which the land is vested, to be applied in the manner provided by law with respect to the proceeds of the sale or leasing of education endowments. 25