

*Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.*

MILITARY PENSIONS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Military Pensions Act, 1866."

Title.

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 Military Pensions Amendment Act, 1903"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Military Pensions Act, 1866" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. Where any of the persons whose names are set forth in the Schedule to any of the Acts mentioned in the Schedule hereto has—

Right to pensions and allowances extended.

(a.) Received injury, whether in action or in course of his military service; or

(b.) Contracted illness directly attributable to such service,—

the Governor may in his discretion, and on the recommendation of the Board, grant to such person a pension, gratuity, or allowance according to such of the scales provided in the principal Act as the Board recommends.

(2.) Where any person receiving any such injury or contracting any such illness afterwards dies therefrom, the Governor may in like manner grant a pension, gratuity, or allowance, according to such of the scales aforesaid as the Board recommends, to the wife and children (if any) of such person; or if he leaves no wife or child, then to his mother; or if he leaves no wife, child, or mother, then to any sister who before such injury or illness was dependent on him for maintenance:

Provided that no pension, gratuity, or allowance shall be paid to the mother of any such person unless—

(a.) She is a widow; or

(b.) Her husband is incapable through age, infirmity, or other incapacity of earning his livelihood or of contributing to the support of his wife and family; or

(c.) Her husband has deserted her and left her in necessitous circumstances and his whereabouts are unknown.

Repeals.

3. The proviso to section two of "The Military Pensions Extension to Contingents Act, 1900," section two of "The Military Pensions Act, 1901," and section four of "The Military Pensions Act, 1902," are hereby repealed so far as the same affect any person named in the Schedule to any of the Acts mentioned in the Schedule hereto. 5

Section 3 of Act of 1902 amended.

4. Section three of "The Military Pensions Act, 1902," is hereby amended by inserting the word "allowance" after the word "pension" wherever the same occurs. 10

Claims to be made within one year of passing of Act.

5. Notwithstanding anything in any of the Acts mentioned in the Schedule hereto or in this Act, no claim under those Acts shall be entertained unless made within one year after the passing of this Act. 15

Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

1900, No. 62.—"The Military Pensions Extension to Contingents Act, 1900."  
 1901, No. 53.—"The Military Pensions Act, 1901."  
 1902, No. 54.—"The Military Pensions Act, 1902."