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Hon. Mr. Seddon.

SHOPS AND SHOP-ASSISTANTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law for limiting the Hours of Business in Shops. 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 Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read with "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. The following persons or classes of persons shall be deemed to be shop-assistants within the meaning of the principal Act, that is to say:— Extended definition of "shop-assistants."

(1.) All persons in the shopkeeper's employment who sell or deliver his goods or canvass for orders for his goods, whether such persons are at any time actually employed inside the shop or not; and also

(2.) All persons or classes of persons from time to time declared by the Governor by notice in the *Gazette* to be shop-assistants. And the Governor is hereby empowered to make such declaration, from time to time, as he deems fit.

3. With respect to hawkers or pedlars, and other persons who carry on business by selling or offering goods for sale by retail otherwise than in a shop, the following provisions shall apply:— Provisions as to hawkers and other persons not carrying on business in shops.

(1.) Every such person shall be deemed to be a shopkeeper, and every assistant employed by him in or about such business shall be deemed to be a shop-assistant within the meaning of the principal Act.

(2.) Every such person shall be deemed to keep a shop open whenever and wherever, for the time being, he is selling or offering goods for sale as aforesaid.

Section 5 of
principal Act
amended.

4. Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the words "at any work in connection with the business of" in lieu of the words "in the ordinary course of his business in."

Section 6 of Act of
1895 amended.

5. Section six of "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Act, 1895," is hereby amended by repealing the word "closed." 5

Section 17 of Act of
1895 amended.

6. (1.) The proviso to section seventeen of the last-mentioned Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By substituting the words "such notice shall," in lieu of the words "requisition will;" and also

(b.) By substituting the word "Minister" in lieu of the words "Governor in Council." 10

(2.) So long as such *Gazette* notice continues in force, every shop-keeper who fails or neglects to close his shop in accordance therewith is liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds.

(3.) Such *Gazette* notice may be revoked or altered by the Minister upon a similar requisition to that pursuant to which such notice was originally gazetted. 15