As reported from the Committee of the whole Council, 28th October, 1898.]

Hon. W. C. Walker.

SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Law relating to Separate Institutions under Title. "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885."

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Par-5 liament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of the Act is "The Separate Institutions Short Title. Act, 1898," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

2. (1.) Every separate institution shall be governed by nine trus- Number of tees, who shall be elected by the voluntary contributors and by the each separate contributory local authorities in manner hereinafter provided.

Provided that in the case of the separate institution known as mode of election. the Waimate Hospital, the local authorities entitled to elect its 15 trustees shall be the respective Councils of the County and Borough of Waimate.

3. For the purposes of the first election of the trustees, sub-Procedure for sequent to the incorporation of the separate institution, the following trustees by provisions shall apply:—

(1.) Of the whole nine trustees the number, not exceeding six in all, to be elected by the voluntary contributors shall be in the proportion of one trustee for every complete fifty pounds of the voluntary contributions, and the remaining trustees shall be elected by the contributory local authorities.

(2.) The first election by the voluntary contributors shall be held at a meeting thereof, at such time and place as the Governor by public notice appoints.

(3.) The first election by the contributory local authorities shall be conducted by the District Board, and be held as soon as practicable after the election by the voluntary contributors No. 99—2.

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first election of voluntary contributors and contributory local authorities. No money to be received or deducted from wages for accident insurance policies. 3. From and after the commencement of this Act—

(1.) It shall not be lawful for any employer to directly or indirectly take or receive any money from any worker in his employ, whether by way of deduction from wages or otherwise howsoever, in respect of any policy of in-

surance against injury by accident:

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any insurance company, or any person on its behalf, to directly or indirectly take or receive from any worker any money in respect of any policy of insurance which in any way, directly or indirectly, purports to both indemnify the employer against any of his liability under the Employers' Liability Acts, and also to pay compensation in respect of personal injury to the worker by accident.

Moneys so received or deducted may be recovered. 4. All money so taken or received as aforesaid from any worker 15 may by him be recovered back at any time not exceeding six months thereafter, with full costs of suit, from the employer, company, or person who took or received it.

5. In any proceedings or suit against any employer, company,

or person-

(1.) For the breach of any of the provisions of the principal Act or this Act; or

(2.) For the recovery by the worker of money alleged to have been taken or received from him in breach of any provisions of the principal Act or this Act,—

the fact that the worker consented thereto shall not avail in any

way as an answer or defence.

6. Nothing in the principal Act or this Act shall apply to workers employed on the co-operative system in connection with any department of the Government.

7. Subsection two of section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding at the end of that subsection the words "or the defendant or his agent."

Consent of worker no defence.

Exception as to workers on cooperative system.

Section 6 of "The Truck Act, 1891," amended.

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