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Right Hon. Mr. Coates.

SUMMER TIME.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Time in New Zealand being in Advance of New Zealand Standard Time during a certain Period of the Year. Title.

5 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 Summer Time Act, 1928. Short Title.

10 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, "New Zealand standard time" means the time corresponding to the longitude of one hundred and seventy-two degrees thirty minutes east from Greenwich, which time is exactly eleven and a half hours in advance of Greenwich mean time. Interpretation.

15 3. (1) The time for general purposes in New Zealand shall, during the period of summer time, be thirty minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time. Advance of time during certain period.

20 (2) Whenever any reference to a point of time occurs in any enactment, Order in Council, order, regulation, rule, by-law, deed, notice, or other document whatsoever, the time referred to shall, during the period of summer time, be deemed, subject as hereinafter provided, to be the time as fixed for general purposes by this Act.

25 (3) Reference to any specified point of time in any award or industrial agreement relating to workers employed in the threshing of grain or shearing of sheep shall be deemed to be reference to New Zealand standard time :

Provided that any employer and the workers employed by him may at any time elect, by mutual agreement, that such reference shall, for any period or for any particular purpose during summer time, be deemed to be

reference to summer time. Any such election may be at any time in like manner revoked.

(4) Nothing in this Act shall affect the use of New Zealand standard time for purposes of astronomy, meteorology, or navigation, or affect the construction of any document mentioning or referring to a point of time in connection with any of those purposes. 5

Duration.

4. (1) For the purposes of this Act the period of summer time shall be taken to be the period beginning at two o'clock, New Zealand standard time, in the morning of the second Sunday in October, and ending at two o'clock, New Zealand standard time, in the morning of the third Sunday in March. 10

(2) This Act shall continue in force until the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and no longer, unless Parliament otherwise determines.