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Hon. Mr. Coates.

TRAMWAYS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Tramways 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 Tramways Amendment Act, 1920, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Tramways Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Section two hundred and nine of the Public Works Act, 1908, is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of the term "Railway" all words after the word "Ordinance."

Definition of "railway" in section 209 of Public Works Act, 1908, amended so as to include a private tramway.

3. (1) No private tramway laid out or constructed after the passing of this Act shall be used, except under the authority of a license in that behalf granted by the Minister or some other person authorized in that behalf by the Minister:

Private tramways to be licensed.

Provided that the Minister may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, exempt any particular class or classes of private tramways from the requirements of this section.

(2.) Every applicant for a license under this section shall deposit with the Minister such plans and specifications, and such other particulars of the tramway and of the rolling-stock to be used thereon, as the Minister may require.

(3.) The Minister may, in his discretion, grant or refuse any such license as aforesaid, and may grant any license subject to such terms and conditions as he may specify therein.

Regulations for securing the safety of passengers and others.

4. (1.) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make such regulations as he thinks fit, with respect to public or private tramways, for securing the safety of passengers, of tramway employees, and of the general public.

(2.) Such regulations may apply generally to all tramways, or to any specified class or classes of tramways, and, notwithstanding any-

thing to the contrary in the principal Act or any instrument thereunder or in any other Act, shall apply as well to tramways laid out or constructed before the passing of this Act as to tramways laid out or constructed after that date.

(3.) The power conferred by this section is in addition to, and not in substitution for, any power to make regulations with respect to the safety of any persons conferred on the Governor-General by the principal Act. 5