

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

UNIFORMS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate and restrict the Wearing of Naval and Military Uniforms. 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 Uniforms Act, 1895." Short Title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. Commencement.

3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

"Defence Forces" means the Defence Forces within the meaning of "The Defence Act, 1886":

"Her Majesty's Military Forces" means the regular forces, the reserve forces, and the auxiliary forces within the meaning of the Army Act of the Imperial Parliament, other than the Naval Coast Volunteers and Naval Volunteers as hereinafter defined:

"Her Majesty's Naval Forces" means the Navy, the Naval Coast Volunteers, and the Naval Volunteers, within the meaning of the Imperial Acts relating thereto.

4. (1.) It shall not be lawful for any person not serving in Her Majesty's Military Forces or in the Defence Forces to wear without the Governor's permission the uniform, or any portion of the uniform, of any of those Forces: Provided that this enactment shall not prevent,— Military uniforms not to be worn without authority.

(a.) A member of a band from wearing at or for the purpose of a public performance by the band, at any time within six years after the passing of this Act, any dress which at the passing of this Act is the recognised uniform of the band, unless the dress is an exact imitation of the uniform of any of Her Majesty's Military Forces or the Defence Forces; or

(b.) Any persons from wearing any uniform or dress in the course of a stage play performed in a place duly licensed or authorised for the public performance of stage plays, or in the course of a music hall or circus performance, or of a ball, or in the course of any *bona fide* military representation. 5

(2.) If any person contravenes this section he is liable to a fine not exceeding *five* pounds.

Penalty for bringing contempt on uniform.

5. If any person not serving in Her Majesty's Naval or Military Forces or the Defence Forces wears without the Governor's permission the uniform of any of those Forces, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the regimental or other distinctive marks of any such uniform, in such a manner or under such circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt upon that uniform, or employs any other person so to wear that uniform or dress, he is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds, or to imprisonment for 15 a term not exceeding *one* month.