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UNIVERSAL SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Shops and Offices 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Universal Saturday Half-holiday Act, 1911.

Short Title.

2. (1.) All shops as defined by the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, shall be closed not later than twelve of the clock noon of Saturday each week, and shall continue closed for the remainder of the day:

Universal Saturday half-holiday.

Provided that this section shall not apply to any shop wherein is exclusively carried on any one or more of the businesses of a fishmonger, a fruiterer, a confectioner, a refreshment-room keeper, a baker, or a bookstall-keeper on a railway-station; but nothing herein shall affect the right of any shop-assistant employed in any excepted shop to a half-holiday for the remainder of the day from twelve o'clock noon of such working-day in each week as the occupier, in the case of each individual assistant, thinks fit.

(2.) This section is in substitution for paragraph (a) of section fifteen of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, which paragraph is hereby accordingly repealed.

Repeal.

(3.) The Shops and Offices Act, 1908, is hereby consequentially amended as follows:—

Consequential amendments.

(a.) By repealing sections eight to fourteen and twenty-four thereof:

(b.) By repealing the words "in the event of Saturday being appointed as the statutory closing-day in the district" in paragraph (b) of section fifteen thereof.

3. On all wharves and in all seaports from noon on Saturday in each week the work of loading or discharging vessels shall cease:

In cases of urgency ships may be worked on payment of overtime.

Provided that in case of urgency the work of loading or discharging vessels may be continued, but all such work shall be treated as overtime and paid for accordingly.