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House of Representatives,  
19th October, 1920.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Sir William Herries.

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT.

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#### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Workers' Compensation 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. (1.) This Act may be cited as the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1920, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title and commencement.

10 (2.) This Act shall come into force on the first day of ~~April~~ February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

15 (3.) Nothing in this Act shall apply with respect to claims for compensation in respect of accidents occurring before the first day of ~~April~~ February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, whether such claims are made before or after that date.

20 2. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of the term "worker" as amended by section two of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1911, the words "two hundred and sixty pounds," and substituting the words "four hundred pounds."

Definition of term "worker" extended.

3. Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words "five hundred pounds," and substituting the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds."

Increased compensation payable to dependants in respect of death of worker.

25 follows:—

- (a.) By omitting from subsection four the words "seven days," and substituting the words "three days";
- (b.) By repealing subsection five;

Increased compensation payable to worker in respect of total or partial incapacity.

- (c.) By omitting from subsection six and also from subsection seven the words "one-half," and, in each case, substituting the words "an amount equal to fifty-five per centum";
- (d.) By omitting from subsection six as amended by subsection two of section five of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1911, the words "two pounds ten shillings per week," and substituting the words "three pounds fifteen shillings a week"; and
- (e.) By omitting from subsection nine the words "five hundred pounds," and substituting the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds."

Compensation payable in respect of accidents to contractors to cut standing timber.

5. Section fifty-seven of the principal Act (relating to compensation in respect of accidents to mining contractors) shall apply in respect of contractors to cut standing timber, including the cutting of scrub and the clearing of land of stumps and logs, in all respects as it applies in respect of mining contractors. 15

Maximum compensation in actions for negligence increased.

6. Section sixty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three, as set out in section thirteen of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1911, the words "five hundred pounds," and substituting the words "seven hundred and fifty pounds." 20

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First Schedule to principal Act amended.

6A. The First Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "building," the words "or structure." 25

Increased proportion of maximum compensation in respect of certain specific injuries.

7. The Second Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a.) By omitting the references to the total loss of the thumb of the right hand and left hand respectively, and substituting the following:— 30

The total loss of a thumb ... | 30 per cent.

- (b.) By omitting the words "The total loss of part of the thumb of the right hand," and substituting the words "The total loss of a joint of a thumb."

Extension of provisions for determination of compensation cases in Magistrates' Court.

8. Section seven of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1913, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "so agree" in subsection one, the words "or in any case where the amount claimed does not exceed fifty pounds." 35