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Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR ACCIDENTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act, 1900." 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 Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act Amendment Act, 1902"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act, 1900" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and three. Commencement.

3. (1.) The compensation to which a worker is entitled under the principal Act in respect of his total or partial incapacity shall be a weekly payment not exceeding *fifty* per centum of his average weekly earnings, calculated on the period during which he was at work during the previous twelve months, if he has been so long in the employment of the same employer; but, if not, then for such less period during which he has been in the employment of the same employer. Compensation in case of total or partial incapacity.

(2.) Such payment shall be made during the incapacity of the worker, but shall not exceed *two* pounds per week, and the total liability of the employer in respect of such compensation shall not exceed *three hundred* pounds. Repeal.

(3.) This section is in substitution of paragraph (d) of clause one of the Second Schedule of the principal Act, which paragraph is hereby accordingly repealed.

4. (1.) From and after the commencement of this Act the principal Act shall apply to the employment of workers in agriculture by any employer who ~~habitually~~ employs one or more workers in such employment. Application of Act to agricultural labour.

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(2.) Where any such employer agrees with a contractor for the execution by or under that contractor of any work in agriculture, section fifteen of the principal Act shall apply in respect of any worker employed in such work.

(3.) Where any worker is employed by the same employer 5
mainly in agricultural but partly or occasionally in other work, this Act shall apply also to the employment of the worker in such other work.

(4.) For the purposes of this section "agriculture" includes horticulture, forestry, and the use of land for any purpose of 10
husbandry, inclusive of the keeping or breeding of live-stock.