

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR ACCIDENTS
AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	
1. Short Title.	2. Piece work contractors. 3. Claims under £200.

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
5 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 Amendment Act, 1903," and it shall form part of and
be read together with "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents
10 Act, 1900" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. Where a contract to perform any work in any gold-mine or
coal-mine is let directly to one or more contractors who do not
either sublet the contract or employ wages-men, or who, though
employing wages-men, actually perform any part of the work them-
selves, such contractors shall for the purposes of the principal Act
15 be deemed to be workers. Piecework
contractors.

3. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, all pro-
ceedings under that Act shall, where the claim for compensation does
not exceed two hundred pounds, be heard and determined by a
20 Stipendiary Magistrate, whose decision shall, subject to the next
succeeding subsection, be final. Claims under £200.

(2.) Either party to the proceedings may,—

(a.) Where the claim does not exceed fifty pounds, with the
leave of the Magistrate; or

25 (b.) Where the claim exceeds fifty pounds, without such leave,—
appeal from the decision of the Magistrate on any point of law.

(3.) Such appeal shall be made to the Court of Arbitration in the
manner provided by "The Magistrates' Courts Act, 1893," in cases of
appeal to the Supreme Court on point of law, and the provisions of
30 that Act relating to such appeals shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to
appeals under this section.