

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE,
4TH NOVEMBER, 1903.]

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR ACCIDENTS
AMENDMENT.

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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 Amendment Act, 1903"; 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. 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 themselves, such contractors shall for the purposes of the principal Act be deemed to be workers. Piecework contractors.

3. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, all proceedings under that Act shall, where the claim for compensation does not exceed two hundred pounds, be heard and determined by a 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

(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 that Act relating to such appeals shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to appeals under this section.

New clause.

4. The definition of "employer" in the principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "and includes the agent, representative, or attorney of any or each of them" after the words "deceased employer." Interpretation.