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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,
6th November, 1903.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

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 may, 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.

Interpretation.

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."

Struck out.

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5. Section three of "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act Amendment Act, 1902," is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words "a weekly payment," the words "during the incapacity after the first week," and by repealing in subsection two the words "be made during the incapacity of the worker, but."

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New clause.

Amendment of section 3 of "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act Amendment Act, 1902."

5A. Section three of "The Workers' Compensation for Accidents Act Amendment Act, 1902," is hereby amended by adding the following proviso to subsection two: "Provided that no payment shall be made for the first week in any case where the partial incapacity of the worker does not continue for a longer period than two weeks."

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Amendment of First Schedule of principal Act.

6. The First Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, after the word "Daughter," the words "Illegitimate son," "Illegitimate daughter."

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Repeal.

7. Section twenty-two of the principal Act is hereby repealed.