

# Supplementary Order Paper.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 21st Day of September, 1920.

### MASTER AND APPRENTICE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

Hon. Mr. Nosworthy, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 2, subclause (4): To omit from this subclause the words "The indenture shall contain a provision that the wages to be paid by the employer to the apprentice" in lines 25 and 26, and substitute the words "The indenture shall state the minimum amount of wages to be paid by the employer to the apprentice during the first year of his employment in New Zealand, and shall contain a provision that the wages to be paid by the employer to, or on account of, or for the benefit of the apprentice."

Clause 2, subclause (9): To omit the word "employee" in line 20, and substitute the word "employer."

Clause 2, subclause (10): To omit the subclause, and substitute the following:—

(10A.) Every apprenticeship under this Part of this Act shall be for a term of not less than three years nor more than five years from the commencement of the employment of the apprentice in New Zealand; and such apprenticeship shall not be terminated by the attainment by the apprentice of the age fixed by Part I of the principal Act for the termination of an apprenticeship under that Part of that Act.

Clause 3: To omit from paragraph (a) the words "twelve, thirteen, and fourteen" in line 40, and substitute the words "and twelve"; to omit from paragraph (b) the words "and until the boy attains the age of twenty years" in line 44, and substitute the words "until the termination of the indenture by effluxion of time."

Clause 5, subclause (3): To insert, after the words "The indenture shall" in line 39, the words "state the minimum amount of wages to be paid to the apprentice during the first year and shall."

Clause 5, subclause (4): To omit the subclause, and substitute the following:—

(4A.) Every apprenticeship under this Part of this Act shall be for a term of not less than three years nor more than five years, and such apprenticeship shall not be terminated by the attainment by the apprentice of the age fixed by Part I of the principal Act for the termination of an apprenticeship under that Part of that Act.

Clause 7: To omit paragraphs (d) and (e), and substitute the following:—

(dd.) Sections thirteen and fourteen shall not apply.

To insert, after clause 7, the following new clause:—

Provisions  
applicable in  
event of breach  
of duty by  
apprentice.

7A. (1.) Any two Justices, on application or complaint by an employer or by the Minister against an apprentice concerning any breach of duty, disobedience, or ill behaviour, shall hear, examine, and determine the same in a summary way, and may, in their discretion, determine that the wages of the apprentice shall be subject to reduction by an amount not exceeding *one-half* thereof for a period not exceeding *two* months.

(2.) If the complaint or part of the complaint against an apprentice under Part I of this Act is that the apprentice has absented himself from and remains absent from the service of the employer, the Justices may issue a warrant for apprehending such apprentice, and directing him to be brought before them or before any two Justices, who shall hear and determine such complaint. In any such case the Justices, in addition to any direction for reduction of wages of the apprentice as provided by the *last preceding* subsection, may direct that the apprentice be returned in custody to the residence of the employer.

(3.) Any two Justices, upon the application or complaint of the Minister or of some officer of the Department of Immigration appointed in that behalf by the Minister alleging or complaining that an apprentice under Part I of this Act refuses or neglects to submit to due control, shall hear, examine, and determine the same in a summary way. If the Justices, having regard to the duty undertaken by the Government to the apprentice and to the parents or guardians (if any) of the apprentice, and having regard to the conduct of the apprentice, determine that it is in the best interests of the apprentice that the indenture should be cancelled and the apprentice be sent back to the United Kingdom, they may make an order under their hands to that effect. An apprentice in respect of whom such order has been made may be apprehended without further warrant, and be detained in such custody as the Minister appoints, and be conveyed on board such ship as the Minister directs. The cost of the passage of the apprentice to the United Kingdom, and of his conveyance from the port of arrival in the United Kingdom to the place where he resided at the time of execution of the first indenture, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

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