

POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

THE subject-matter of this Bill is already in force, in the form of war regulations, under the War Regulations Continuance Act, 1920. (See the regulations of 16th February, 1917, in paragraph (14) of the Second Schedule to the Act referred to, and also clause 4 of the regulations of 20th September, 1915, in paragraph (2) of the same Schedule.)

It is now proposed to repeal the War Regulations Continuance Act, and to revoke all regulations in force by virtue of that Act, and the War Regulations Repeal Bill has been introduced for that purpose. It is thought by the Government, however, that certain provisions now in force as war regulations should in the interests of the public be continued in force, but not as war regulations, and the provisions of the present Bill are within that class.

In adapting the existing war regulations for the purposes of this Bill no material alterations have been made.

Hon. Mr. Cobbe.

POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Police Offences Act, 1927. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority
5 of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Police Offences Amendment Act, 1934, and shall be read together with
and deemed part of the Police Offences Act, 1927. Short Title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
10 “Essential industry” means an industry which is declared to be an essential industry in accordance with this Act: See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. II, p. 500 Interpretation.

15 “Seditious strike” means any strike, or transaction in the nature of a strike, or combination, agreement, common understanding, or concerted action on the part of any workers, which is intended or has a tendency to interfere with the manufacture, production, output, supply, delivery, or carriage of goods or articles in or in
20 connection with an essential industry, or otherwise to interfere with the effective conduct of any such industry:

“Seditious lockout” means any lockout, or transaction in the nature of a lockout, or combination, agreement, common understanding, or concerted action on the part of any employers which is intended or has a tendency to interfere with the manufacture, production, output, supply, delivery, or carriage of goods or articles in or in connection with an essential industry, or otherwise to interfere with the effective conduct of any such industry. 5 10

Governor-General may declare essential industries.

3. (1) For the purposes of this Act the Governor-General, if satisfied that any industry is essential for the public welfare, may by Order in Council declare that industry to be an essential industry. 10

(2) Any such Order in Council may be at any time in like manner revoked. 15

Offences in relation to essential industries.

4. Every person commits an offence against this Act who is a party to a seditious strike or to a seditious lockout, or who incites, encourages, or procures any such strike or lockout or the continuance thereof. 20

Offences in relation to documents inciting to violence or expressing seditious intention.

5. Every person commits an offence against this Act who prints, publishes, sells, distributes, has in his possession for sale or distribution, or brings or causes to be brought or sent into New Zealand, any document which incites, encourages, advises, or advocates violence, lawlessness, or disorder, or expresses any seditious intention as defined in section one hundred and eighteen of the Crimes Act, 1908. 25

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. II, p. 216

Penalty for offences.

6. Every person who commits an offence against this Act shall be liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to imprisonment for *three* months or to a fine of *one hundred* pounds. 30