

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1893.]

Hon. Mr. Reeves.

CONSPIRACY LAW AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for amending the Law relating to Conspiracy.

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 Conspiracy Law Amendment Act, 1893."

Short Title.

2. An agreement or combination by two or more persons to do or procure to be done any act in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute between employers and workmen shall not be indictable as a conspiracy deemed to be unlawful so as to render such persons liable to criminal prosecution for conspiracy if such act committed by one person would not be punishable as a crime: unlawful.

Amendment of law as to conspiracy in trade disputes.

Nothing in this section shall affect the law relating to riot, unlawful assembly, breach of the peace, or sedition, or any offence against the State or the Sovereign.

A crime for the purposes of this section means an offence punishable on indictment, or an offence which is punishable on summary conviction and for the commission of which the offender is liable, under the statute making the offence punishable, to be imprisoned, either absolutely or at the discretion of the Court as an alternative for some other punishment.

3. The several Acts of Parliament enumerated in the Schedule shall cease to have any force in the colony from and after the commencement of this Act.

Repeal.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

ACTS REPEALED.

Act of the Parliament of England.

- 5 Eliz., c. 4.—An Act touching dyvers Orders for Artificers, Labourers, Servantes of Husbandrye, and Apprentices.

Act of the Parliament of Great Britain.

- 12 Geo. I., c. 34.—An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages.

Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

- 6 Geo. IV., c. 129.—An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

By Authority: SAMUEL COSTALL, Government Printer, Wellington.—1893.