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DRAINAGE OF MINES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for the Drainage of Mines in Mining Districts. 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 Drainage of Mines Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. This Act shall be read together with "The Mines Act, 1877" (hereinafter called "the said Act"). "The Mines Act, 1877," to be read with this Act.

3. Clauses seventy-one and seventy-five of the said Act are hereby repealed. Repeal.

4. The owner of any efficient machine or appliance which is employed in raising, lifting, or draining water from any mine shall be entitled to receive contribution for the expense of raising or draining water from such mine from the holders of, or persons working adjacent, mines benefited by such machine, or which adjacent mines, from the formation of the ground or strata, or from the mode of working the same, shall have added to the volume or quantity of water to be raised. Owners of mines to contribute towards expense of raising water by machinery.

5. On hearing the case the Court, if satisfied that the plaintiff's machinery is efficient, shall first determine whether the defendant is benefited by the machinery of the plaintiff, or whether he has contributed to the volume of water raised or to be raised by the machinery of the plaintiff, and, if the Court determine that the defendant is so benefited or has so contributed, the Court shall proceed to determine the amount of compensation which it would be reasonable under all the circumstances of the case for the defendant to pay to the plaintiff, and the time, mode, and condition of payment, and the period, not exceeding twelve months, during which such contribution shall be continued. Proceedings at hearing.

6. This Act shall be read and construed with "The Mines Act, 1877," and shall be deemed and taken to be part thereof. Act to be read with "The Mines Act, 1877."