

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Electoral Act, 1893."

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 Electoral Law Amendment Act, 1893." Short Title.

2. "The Electoral Act, 1893" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), is hereby amended as follows, that is to say:— Amendments of "Electoral Act, 1893."

10 (1.) Section three: In the definition of "Non-residential qualification," the words "or leasehold" are hereby repealed.

(2.) Section one hundred and fifty-six: In subsection eleven thereof, the words beginning the second paragraph, "Before giving a voting-paper to any half-caste," shall be omitted, and the following substituted therefor: "Before giving a voting-paper to any Maori or half-caste." 15

3. All provisions of Part III. of the said Act in relation to voting by seamen and commercial travellers by means of electors' rights are hereby extended to shearers, and sections sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-four, sixty-six, and the Eighth Schedule of the said Act, shall be read and shall take effect as if the words "or shearer" had been originally inserted after the words "commercial traveller," wherever the same occur in the aforesaid sections and schedule, and as if in subsection two of section sixty-two the words "or shearers" had been inserted after "or commercial travellers" (within brackets), and as if in the last paragraph of the same section the words "and shearers" had been inserted therein after the words "commercial travellers." 25 Shearers may vote on electors' rights.

In this Act, and for the purposes thereof and of the said Act, "Shearer" means and includes every person who, during the season of the year for shearing sheep in any locality, is *bona fide* employed by any owner of sheep in such locality for shearing his sheep. 30

Repeal. Saving.

4. "The Representation Act Amendment Act, 1893," is hereby repealed. But—

All appointments made, and all things or acts done or performed, under or for the purposes of such repealed Act at the time of the commencement of "The Electoral Act, 1893," shall be deemed to have been respectively made, done, or performed under the last-mentioned Act; and 5

All electoral rolls formed or in progress of formation, or printed, under or for the purposes of the aforesaid repealed Act at the said commencement shall be deemed to have been and to be formed or printed, or in progress of formation or printing, and may be continued and perfected under and for the purposes of "The Electoral Act, 1893." 10

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