Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Office of High Commissioner for New Zealand in the United Kingdom. **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 High Commissioner Act, 1904." **Short Title.**

2. The Governor may from time to time appoint some person to be the High Commissioner for New Zealand in the United Kingdom. **High Commissioner**

3. The High Commissioner shall hold office for such period not exceeding five years as is specified in the warrant of his appointment, and shall be eligible for reappointment. **Term of office.**

4. The High Commissioner shall— **Duties.**

(*a.*) Act as representative of New Zealand in the United Kingdom in lieu of the Agent-General, and as such representative shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor;

(*b.*) Carry out such instructions as he receives from the Prime Minister respecting the commercial, financial, and general interests of New Zealand in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

5. The salary of the High Commissioner shall be two thousand pounds a year, and shall be paid to him monthly out of the Consolidated Fund without further appropriation than this Act. **Salary.**

6. The High Commissioner when travelling on the public service of New Zealand shall be entitled to an allowance not exceeding one pound ten shillings for each day he is so engaged: **Travelling-allowance.**

7. All references to the Agent-General in any Act in force shall be deemed to be references to the High Commissioner. **Statutory references to Agent-General.**

Appointment, &c., of officers.

8. (1.) With the consent of the Governor in Council the High Commissioner may from time to time appoint such officers for the performance of clerical and other duties as may be required in the execution of this Act.

(2.) The salaries of such officers shall be paid out of moneys to be appropriated by Parliament. 5

(3.) Officers appointed under this Act shall not be subject to the laws in force in New Zealand relating to Civil Servants.

(4.) All appointments of officers under this Act shall be terminable by three months' notice. 10

(5.) No officer appointed under this Act shall be entitled to any compensation by reason of the loss of his office or of the diminution of his salary.

Regulations.

9. The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council make regulations for giving effect to this Act. 15

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