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This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the House or Representatives for its concurrence.

Legislative Council. 18th October, 1899.

Hon. Mr. A. L. Smith.

MILLERS' HOURS OF LABOUR.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title.

2. Interpretation. 3. Occupier to keep register.

Limitation of hours of labour.
Certain sections of "The Factories Act, 1894," to apply.

6. Penalties.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to limit the Hours of Labour in Flour-mills. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Millers' Hours of Short Title. Labour Act, 1899."

2. "Miller" means any person employed for hire or reward in Interpretation. any mill in which flour or oatmeal is made, but does not include any foreman or persons employed in carting or carrying grain and

10 mill-products to and from the mill.

3. The occupier of every such mill shall keep a register, in such Occupier to keep form as the Governor in Council may direct, of the persons em- register. ployed in the mill, and of the hours of their employment on each day, and of such other matters as the Governor in Council may 15 direct.

4. No miller shall be employed in or about a mill in which Limitation of hours flour or oatmeal is made for more than eight hours in any one day, of labour. nor for more than forty-eight hours in any one week.

5. It shall be the duty of Inspectors under "The Factories Certain sections of 20 Act, 1894," to enforce the provisions of this Act relating to hours of "The Factories Act, 1894," to apply. employment and registers, and for this purpose sections thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, and seventeen of that Act shall apply as if a mill were a factory.

6. (1.) In the event of any contravention of any provision of Penalties. 25 this Act in or with regard to a mill, the occupier of the mill shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

(2.) In case of a second or subsequent conviction of any person under this Act within two years from the last-preceding conviction, the penalty imposed shall be not less than one pound for each offence.

(3.) Offences under this Act shall be prosecuted and penalties recovered in like manner as offences are prosecuted and penalties recovered under "The Factories Act, 1894," and for that purpose sections sixty-four, sixty-seven, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, and seventy-six of that Act, so far as they relate to legal proceedings, shall apply as if this Act formed part of that Act and as if a mill were a factory or a workshop.

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