PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ANALYSIS.

Title.

1. Short Title. Labour Day. Repeal.

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4. Further amendment of Banking Act.

5. Amendment of Shops and Offices Act. 6. Amendment of Factories Act.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make Better Provision for the Observance of certain Title. Days as Public Holidays.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:--

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays Act, 1908.

Short Title.

2. (1.) Where in any Act or in any award or industrial agree- Labour Day. ment reference is made to Labour Day, such reference shall hereafter 10 be deemed to be to the third Monday in October, and not to the second Wednesday in October.

(2.) Section fourteen of the Labour Department and Labour Repeal.

Day Act, 1908, is hereby repealed.

1899, No. 17, sec. 2

(3.) The reference to Labour Day in the Third Schedule to the 1902, No. 38, Sche-15 Banking Act, 1908, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "The third Monday in October, being Labour Day."

3. The reference to the Prince of Wales's Birthday in the Dominion Day. Third Schedule to the Banking Act, 1908, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "The twenty-sixth day of Sep-

20 tember, being Dominion Day."

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4. Where any of the bank holidays prescribed by the Banking Further amendment Act, 1908, and mentioned in the Third Schedule thereto, falls on a day other than Monday, it shall be observed as a close bank holiday on the following Monday.

5. Section nineteen of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908, is hereby Amendment of Shops and Offices amended by inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:— Act.

(bb.) When the birthday of the Sovereign falls on any day other than Monday, then for all the purposes of this section the next succeeding Monday shall be deemed to be the special day in lieu of the said birthday, and the provisions of this section shall be construed accordingly.

No. 25—1.

Amendment of Factories Act. 1901, No. 59, sec. 33

6. Section thirty-five of the Factories Act, 1908, is hereby amended by omitting the proviso to paragraph (a) and substituting the following: "Provided that when Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday, or when the birthday of the reigning Sovereign falls on any day other than Monday, then the holiday shall be allowed on the next succeeding Mondayon thank

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