

Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for the Observance of certain Days as Public Holidays. Title.

5 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.

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

(2.) Section fourteen of the Labour Department and Labour Day Act, 1908, is hereby repealed. Repeal.

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 The reference to Labour Day in the Third Schedule to the Banking Act, 1908, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "The third Monday in October, being Labour Day." 1902, No. 38, Schedule.

Struck out.

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 The reference to the Prince of Wales's Birthday in the Third Schedule to the Banking Act, 1908, is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "The twenty-sixth day of September, being Dominion Day."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

New clause.

25 3. The Third Schedule to the Banking Act is hereby amended— Third Schedule to Banking Act amended.

(a.) By repealing the reference to the Prince of Wales's Birthday, and substituting therefor the words "The third day of June, being Empire Day:"

(b.) By adding thereto the words "The twenty-sixth day of September, being Dominion Day."

30 4. (1.) Where any of the bank holidays prescribed by the Banking Act, 1908, and mentioned in the ~~Third Schedule thereto~~ *Schedule hereto*, falls on a day other than Monday, it shall be observed as a close bank holiday on the following Monday. Further amendment of Banking Act

New subclause.

(2.) If the said following Monday is also a bank holiday within the meaning of the said Act, then the next following day which is not a bank holiday shall also be observed as a bank holiday under the said Act.

Amendment of
Shops and Offices
Act.

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

“(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.”

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 Monday.”

New clauses.

Observance of
certain holidays
provided for in
awards or
industrial
agreements.

7. When in any award or industrial agreement provision is made, whether before or after the passing of this Act, for a holiday on the Sovereign’s birthday or on Dominion Day (being the twenty-sixth day of September), or on Empire Day, or on the Prince of Wales’s Birthday, and when any such day so appointed as a holiday falls on any day of the week other than Monday, the holiday shall be observed on the next succeeding Monday.

Certain
references to
Empire Day.

8. Where in any award or industrial agreement, whether made before or after the passing of this Act, reference is made to Empire Day, such reference shall be deemed to be a reference to the third day of June, and not to the twenty-fourth day of May.

Commencement
of Act.

9. This Act shall commence on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and *nine*.

New.

SCHEDULE.

The Sovereign’s birthday.
The 17th day of March, being Saint Patrick’s Day.
The 23rd day of April, being Saint George’s Day.
The 3rd day of June, being Empire Day.
The 26th day of September, being Dominion Day.
The 30th day of November, being Saint Andrew’s Day.