

Right Hon. Mr. Massey.

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION (EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) ADJUSTMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Special Provision with respect to the Readjustment of the Representation of the People of New Zealand in the House of Representatives, having regard to the Members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces absent from New Zealand or in Camps of Military Training.

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 Parliamentary Representation (Expeditionary Forces) Adjustment Act, 1917, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Legislature Act, 1908.

2. In this Act the term "Expeditionary Forces" means the New Zealand Expeditionary Force raised under the Expeditionary Forces Act, 1915, and includes the New Zealand (Samoan) Expeditionary Force.

3. (1.) As soon as practicable after the passing of this Act the Minister of Defence shall, for the purposes of the Representation Commissions, give a certificate showing, with respect to the Expeditionary Forces, as on the fifteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and sixteen (being the date of the last periodical census), the particulars following:—

(a.) The number of men (distinguishing between Maoris and others) ordinarily resident in New Zealand who on that date were absent from New Zealand with the Expeditionary Forces:

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(b.) The number of men (distinguishing between Maoris and others) who, on the date aforesaid, were in camps of military training in New Zealand.

(2.) A certificate under this section shall be accepted by the Representation Commissions as conclusive proof of the particulars stated therein. 5

Men absent from New Zealand with Expeditionary Forces deemed to be included in population of New Zealand.

4. In computing the population of New Zealand for the purposes of sections sixteen to twenty-three of the Legislature Act, 1908 (relating to the functions of the Representation Commissions), there shall be added to the population as ascertained as the result of the census taken on the date aforesaid a number equal to the number of men (exclusive of Maoris) certified by the Minister to have been on that date absent from New Zealand with the Expeditionary Forces, and the total shall, for the purposes of the said sections, be deemed to be the population of New Zealand. 10

Members of Expeditionary Forces to be allocated to several electoral districts.

5. For the purpose of fixing the boundaries of the several electoral districts the number of men (exclusive of Maoris) certified as absent from New Zealand as aforesaid shall be added by the Representation Commissions to the number of men (exclusive of Maoris) certified as being in camps of military training in New Zealand, and the total number so ascertained shall be allocated proportionately by the Representation Commissions in such manner as they think fit to the rural population and urban population of the North Island and South Island respectively, and to the several electoral districts therein. 15 20

Repeal.

6. Section three of the Parliamentary Elections Postponement Act, 1916, is hereby repealed. 25