

Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, Bart.

PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Public Service Act, 1912.

Title.

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

- 5 1. This Act may be cited as the Public Service Amendment Act, 1914, and shall form part of and be read together with the Public Service Act, 1912 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
- 10 2. The right of appeal conferred by section thirty-one of the principal Act shall include the right to appeal on any ground mentioned in that section whether the officer appealing has made a written application or not. Right of appeal defined.
- 15 3. On the hearing of any appeal under the principal Act the appellant may appear by a solicitor, or by an agent authorized in writing by the appellant, whether such agent is a member of the Public Service or not. Appellant may appear by solicitor, &c.
- 20 4. (1.) On the hearing of any appeal under the principal Act the cross-examination of the appellant shall be limited to matters directly in issue. Rights of appellant.
- 25 (2.) Where on any such appeal the permanent head of the Department to which an appellant belongs states that in his opinion the conduct of the appellant has, for the period of two years immediately preceding the date of appeal, been uniformly good, the Appeal Board shall not receive any evidence of conduct prior to that date.
- 30 5. (1.) Every officer shall have the right to peruse any report furnished to the Commissioner affecting such officer's qualifications, ability, or character. Right of officers to see reports.
- (2.) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to immediately forward to the officer affected any adverse report against such officer furnished to the Commissioner.

Vacancies to be
advertised.

6. Before filling any vacancy in the Public Service the Commissioner shall advertise for applications for the vacant position.

Where services
terminated.

7. (1.) The Commissioner shall have no power to terminate the services of any officer without assigning a reason therefor, and any officer whose services are terminated may appeal to the Appeal Board. 5

(2.) Where the services of an officer are terminated on the ground that his duties are no longer necessary the Commissioner shall give the officer a certificate that there is no suitable position available for that officer, and such certificate shall confer on the officer a prior right to any suitable position in the Public Service that may thereafter be available. 10

Right to payment
under Defence Act.

8. An officer shall be entitled to a proportionate payment for service rendered under the Defence Act, 1909, outside his usual official hours to the same extent as if he had not been an officer of the Public Service. 15