

Hon. Mr. Bell.

PUBLIC WORKS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Public Works Act, 1908.

Title.

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 Works Amendment Act, 1913, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Public Works Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
2. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, any Judge of the Supreme Court may for the time being, and from time to time, exercise the functions of President of any Compensation Court, and every such Judge so acting for the time being shall for all purposes and to all intents be the President of that Court accordingly. Any Judge of Supreme Court may Act as President of Compensation Court.
- 10 (2.) Nothing in this section shall apply to any Compensation Court of which any other person than a Judge of the Supreme Court is the President in accordance with the principal Act.
- 15 3. The power of awarding costs conferred upon a Compensation Court by section seventy-four of the principal Act, shall extend to cases in which it is determined that the Court has no jurisdiction to hear and determine the claim for compensation or any particular portion thereof, and any such award of costs in respect of such claim or such part thereof shall be dealt with and enforced in the same manner as an award of compensation. Costs in claims beyond jurisdiction of Compensation Court.
- 20 4. (1.) When any claim for compensation is at any time after the making thereof withdrawn or abandoned, whether wholly or in part, costs may be awarded by a Compensation Court in respect of that claim or that part thereof in the same manner as if the claim or that part thereof had been heard and determined by the Court, and Costs in claims withdrawn or abandoned.
- 25 30 any such award of costs shall be dealt with and enforced in the same manner as an award of compensation.

(2.) For the purposes of this section the appointment, presence, or concurrence of assessors shall not be necessary to the constitution or jurisdiction of the Court, but otherwise the Court shall be constituted and shall act in the same manner as provided for in respect of the hearing and determination of the claim so withdrawn 5 or abandoned.

Foregoing provisions to apply to pending claims.

5. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall extend and apply to all claims for compensation which are pending at the commencement of this Act.

Section 2 of principal Act amended.

6. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by 10 omitting paragraph (d) of the definition of "public work," and substituting the following paragraph:—

"(d.) Any secondary school or University college specified in the Eleventh Schedule to the Education Act, 1908; any high school established under section ninety- 15 four of the last-mentioned Act; any technical school as defined in section seventeen of the Education Amendment Act, 1908; any public school within the meaning of the Education Act, 1908; any Native school; and any lands necessary for playgrounds or teachers' residences or 20 for any other purpose in connection with any such college or school."