

Hon. Mr. Millar.

SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Shearers' Accommodation. 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 Shearers' Accommodation Act, 1908, and shall form part of and be read together with the Shearers' and Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title. 1898, No. 15.
- 10 2. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "the Chinese" and substituting the words "any Asiatic." Section 7 of principal Act amended. 1898, No. 15, sec. 8.
- 15 3. (1.) Accommodation at a shearing-shed shall not be deemed to be proper and sufficient within the meaning of the principal Act unless in every case the provisions contained in the Schedule hereto are complied with to the satisfaction of the Inspector. Proper and sufficient accommodation defined.
- 20 4. (2.) Section eight of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal. Ibid, sec. 9.
- Existing shearing-sheds to be brought into compliance with Act. Ibid, sec. 6.
- 25 5. Every employer shall, within three days after the day on which shearing has commenced at any shearing-shed, post or cause to be delivered to the Inspector at his official address a notice that the buildings provided by the employer for the accommodation of the shearers employed by him are in all things in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Schedule hereto. Notice of compliance to be given to Inspector.
- 30 6. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal. Ibid, sec. 12.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

(a.) All buildings provided by the employer for the accommodation of shearers shall be separate from the buildings used for the shearing of sheep, and shall be distant therefrom not less than one hundred and fifty feet nor more than nine hundred feet, and shall not be less than one hundred feet distant from any killing-yard or piggery.

(b.) Buildings used for sleeping accommodation and for the cooking and serving of meals shall be maintained in a clean and healthy state by the employer.

(c.) Not less than two hundred and forty cubic feet of air-space shall be allowed to each person sleeping in any such building.

(d.) The height of every sleeping-room shall not be less than nine feet six inches, measured by the wall-studs.

(e.) A sufficient number of bunks shall be provided by the employer in each sleeping-room for the accommodation of shearers, but in no case shall more than two tiers of bunks be allowed in any sleeping-room.

(f.) In every sleeping-room a fireplace with proper chimney shall be provided by the employer.

(g.) In all bunks or beds mattresses of sufficient chaff or straw shall, where spring mattresses are not provided, be provided by the employer for each shearer.

(h.) No sleeping-room shall be used for the cooking or serving of meals, and a separate sleeping-room shall be provided for the cook and assistant (if any).

(i.) Proper and sufficient light and ventilation shall be provided in each sleeping-room and dining-room.

(j.) Each sleeping-room and dining-room shall be provided with a wooden floor.

(k.) Proper and sufficient cooking utensils and table accommodation shall be supplied by the employer in each cooking and dining room.

(l.) A sufficient supply of good water for drinking, cooking, and washing purposes shall be supplied convenient to any building in which shearers are accommodated.

(m.) A room containing a boiler and bath shall be provided by the employer adjacent to every such building, together with the necessary utensils for washing and for washing clothes.

(n.) Sufficient sanitary accommodation shall be provided, situate not less than one hundred feet from any building in which shearers are accommodated, and not less than two hundred feet from the water-supply used for cooking, drinking, or washing purposes by the shearers.

(o.) A book of instructions on first aid to the injured and a proper and sufficiently supplied medicine-chest shall be provided and maintained by every employer for the convenience of shearers. The price to be charged for any medicine so supplied shall not exceed the nearest town rates, with the cost of carriage added.