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1903, No. 6.

Title. AN ACT to amend "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886."
[29th August, 1903.]

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The First Offenders' Probation Amendment Act, 1903"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

Amendments of principal Act.

2. The principal Act is hereby amended,—

(1.) As to section two thereof: By repealing the definition of "offender," and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—

" 'First offender' means any person convicted by the Court of an offence, whose previous character has been good, and against whom a conviction has not been previously recorded in respect of any offence."

(2.) By repealing section six thereof, and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—

"6. It shall be the duty of the Probation Officer, when required by the Court,—

"(1.) To inquire carefully into the character and antecedents of every person convicted of an offence, and to report fully to the Court in writing,—

(a.) As to whether such person is a first offender; and

(b.) As to his previous character and antecedents; and

(c.) As to any other matters on which the Court may require information :

"(2.) To keep a full record of the results of his investigations."

(3.) As to section eight thereof:—

(a.) By repealing the words “it is a first offence,” and substituting in lieu thereof the words “such person is a first offender”; and

(b.) By repealing all words after the words “not exceeding,” and substituting in lieu thereof the words “three years.”

(4.) As to section twelve thereof: By adding, after the words “the Court where he was originally convicted,” the words “or before any Judge of the Supreme Court or Stipendiary Magistrate, as the case may be.”

3. A copy of every report of a Probation Officer shall, if the person convicted so requires, be given to him before action is taken thereon by the Court, and he may tender evidence touching the same or any allegation therein. Evidence rebutting report.

4. “The First Offenders' Probation Act Amendment Act, 1898,” is hereby repealed. Repeal.