CONTRACTORS' DEBTS ACT 1871 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

'An Act for extending the Remedies given to Workmen to the case of Sub-Title. Contractors and Workmen engaged on Piecework.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament 5 assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Contractors' Debts Act 1871 Amend-Short Title. ment Act, 1882."

2. The remedies given to workmen engaged in work and labour by "The Remedies given to Contractors' Debts Act, 1871" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), are extended to workmen extended to workmen on the 10 workmen engaged on piecework, or to sub-contractors, in so far as the provisions piece or sub-conof the said Act are applicable; and for the purposes of this Act the word "workman" in the said Act shall be deemed to include workmen engaged on piecework or sub-contractors.

3. The contractee shall not be liable to make good any demand made upon Contractee only 15 him under this Act or the said Act to a greater extent than the sum which is in liable to extent of his hands due and owing to the contractor at the time of the serving of notice as required in terms of the said Act.

4. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prejudice the rights of any work- Workman not to be man to relief under and in terms of the said Act, and it shall be the duty of the prejudiced. 20 Judge or Justice presiding in the Court, before granting a certificate in terms of the First Schedule of the said Act to any sub-contractor, to satisfy himself in such manner as he may see fit that all workmen (if any) employed by such subcontractor are paid, or are consenting parties to the application for certificate so made.

25 5. Any person about to raise action for debt under the said Act and this Attachment of Act may, whenever he shall have taken out a writ or summons against the moneys in concontractor, serve a notice on the contractee that he has done so, which shall have the effect of attaching any funds in the contractee's hands due and accruing due to the contractor, up to the amount of the claim preferred, to abide

30 the issue of such action.