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DOMESTIC SERVANTS' HALF-HOLIDAY.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to secure a Weekly Half-holiday for Domestic Servants. 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. The Short Title of this Act is "The Domestic Servants' Short Title.  
Half-holiday Act, 1896," and it shall come into operation on the first day of *November*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

2. "Domestic servants" means and includes all ~~women~~ *persons* Interpretation.  
engaged in domestic service, as enumerated in the Schedule hereto.

10     3. From and after the coming into operation of this Act, all Half-holiday pro-  
domestic servants shall have a half-holiday ~~from the hour of three of~~  
~~the clock in the afternoon of one working day in each week, as hereinafter~~  
~~provided~~ *in the afternoon of one working-day not being a Sunday in*  
15 *each week, as may be agreed upon between employers and domestic*  
*servants, the time for such half-holiday to extend from three p.m. (post*  
*meridiem) until nine-thirty p.m. (post meridiem): Provided that the*  
*employer and the domestic servant may mutually agree to substitute*  
20 *for the several half-holidays of the year a holiday or holidays of not*  
*less than fourteen days in the aggregate at some period or periods in*  
*the year.*

*Struck out.*

25     4. Within the limits of cities, boroughs, and town districts, the  
half-holiday fixed under the provisions of "The Shops and Shop-  
assistants Act, 1894," shall be the half-holiday required by this Act;  
and, in all places outside the above-mentioned limits, the half-holiday  
required by this Act shall be held in the afternoon of such day in  
each week as may be agreed upon.

30     5. Within the limits of cities, boroughs, and town districts, where  
more than one domestic servant is employed in any house, it shall be  
competent for the employer to fix the day upon which the half-  
holiday required by this Act shall be observed by the various domestic  
servants: Provided, however, that one domestic servant shall be  
entitled to a half-holiday upon the day mentioned in section *four* of  
this Act.

*New Clause.*

Act not to apply in certain cases.

4. The provisions of this Act shall not apply when sickness or death is present in the family in which domestic servants are employed.

Penalty.

~~6.~~ 5. If any domestic servant be employed in ~~her ordinary employment~~ contrary to the provisions of this Act, the employer shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for each offence in respect of each domestic servant so employed. 5

Charge to be heard by Stipendiary Magistrate, or two or more Justices of the Peace.

7. 6. Where any person is charged with an offence against this Act, such charge shall be heard, and all penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered, in a summary way before a Stipendiary Magistrate or two or more Justices of the Peace, in the manner provided by "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." 10

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

HOUSEMAIDS,  
Parlourmaids,  
Kitchenmaids,  
*Dairymaids,*

Laundresses,  
Cooks,  
General servants,  
~~Waitresses,~~

Nursegirls,  
House-assistants,  
*Boots.*