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Hon. Mr. Reeves.

FACTORIES ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Amendment of "The Factories Act, 1891." Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Factories Act Amendment Act, 1892." It shall be read together with "The Factories Act, 1891" (herein referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. The principal Act is hereby amended as follows, that is to say:— Amendments of Act of 1891.

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(1.) Section three: In the description of "factory or work-room," after the words "for the purpose of manufacture," there shall be inserted the following: "and any office, building, or place in which any woman or person under the age of eighteen years is employed in working for hire or reward in any handicraft, or in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale."

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(2.) In section forty-one all the words at the commencement of the section to the words "rooms of such bakehouse" inclusive are hereby repealed, and the following substituted: "All the inside walls of the rooms of every bakehouse."

(3.) In section forty-two the words at the commencement thereof, "Where a bakehouse is situate in any city or borough," are hereby repealed.

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(4.) In section forty-three the words "the last-preceding section" are hereby substituted for the words "this section."

(5.) In section forty-four the words "which was not so let or occupied before the commencement of this Act" are hereby repealed.

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(6.) First Schedule: In the last item thereof the word "three" shall be omitted, and the word "two" substituted in lieu thereof.

Appointment of
Chief Inspector.

3. In addition to any Inspectors appointed under the principal Act, the Governor may from time to time appoint any person to be Chief Inspector under the principal Act, who shall have and may exercise in any part of the colony all the powers and authorities conferred upon Inspectors by the said Act.

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Employment of boys
between thirteen
and fourteen years
of age.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section fifty-three of the principal Act, no boy of or above the age of thirteen years and under the age of fourteen years shall be employed in any factory, unless he can prove to the satisfaction of the Inspector that his wages are necessary for the support of the family to which he belongs, or for his own support, and unless the said approval is noted in the Inspector's certificate of his fitness for employment.

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Employment out-
side of factory
deemed employment
within.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in section seventy-three or any other section of the principal Act, every person shall be deemed to be employed in a factory or workroom who is employed by an occupier in any manner connected with the handicraft or manufacture carried on in the factory or workroom in any premises or place contiguous or adjacent to such factory or workroom.

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Any premises or place shall, for the purposes of the principal Act and this Act, be deemed to be contiguous or adjacent to a factory or workroom if only separated therefrom by a road, street, right-of-way, or stream.

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Inspection of
sanitation of public
schools.

6. Sections twenty-nine to thirty-six of the principal Act in relation to the preservation of cleanliness and ventilation in factories or workrooms shall apply to all public schools under "The Education Act, 1877," as if they were workrooms within the meaning of the principal Act; and every Inspector shall in relation to such schools have and exercise the powers, duties, and authorities which he has under the aforesaid sections in relation also as aforesaid.

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