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HOUSE-ASSISTANTS' HALF-HOLIDAY.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to secure a Weekly Half-holiday for House-assistants. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The House-assistants' Half- Short Title. holiday Act, 1902"; and it shall come into operation on the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and two.

2. "House-assistant" shall mean and include all females Interpretation. 10 engaged for hire to perform work of a manual character within a

private dwellinghouse.

3. From and after the coming into operation of this Act all House-assistants to house-assistants shall have a half-holiday in the afternoon of one have half-holiday. working-day, not being a Sunday, in each week as may be agreed 15 upon between each employer and each house-assistant employed by such employer, the time for such half-holiday to extend from three post-meridian until nine thirty post-meridian.

4. The provisions of this Act shall not apply in any case in Exemptions. which sickness or death is present in the family in which a house-

20 assistant is employed.

5. If any house-assistant be employed contrary to the provisions Penalty. of this Act the employer shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds for each offence.

6. Where any person is charged with an offence against this Mode of recovery. 25 Act such charge shall be heard and all penalties imposed by this Act shall be recoverable in a summary way before a Stipendiary Magistrate, or two or more Justices of the Peace in manner provided by "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."