

Hon. Mr. Buckley.

MARRIAGE ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Marriage Act, 1880."

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 Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1891." It shall be read together with "The Marriage Act, 1880" (herein referred to as "the principal Act)."

Short Title.

2. Section ten of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—

Ministers of religious bodies not enumerated in Schedule.

10 Any minister of religion not connected with any of the bodies enumerated in Schedule B of the aforesaid Act, who shall furnish to the Registrar-General a certificate, signed by the recognised head in New Zealand of the religious body to which he ministers, or, in default of any such head,

15 by two duly-recognised ministers of such religious body, or by two duly-recognised office-bearers thereof, or by ten adult male members thereof, who shall append to their signatures their description as being such members, declaring that such minister is their officiating minister, shall be entitled to have his name inserted in the list of

20 Officiating Ministers within the meaning of this Act.

The signatures and descriptions of the aforesaid ten adult members to any such certificate shall be attested by some person, who shall verify the signatures to the certificate as the genuine signatures of the persons whose they pur-

25 port to be, by a solemn declaration made under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," signed by such person, and appended to such certificate.

3. The provisions of the principal Act relating to the solemnisa-

30 tion of marriages in the presence of an officiating minister shall not extend to any marriage solemnised between parties both of whom are members of, or in profession with, the religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers; but every such marriage shall be as legal

Marriages of Quakers excepted from Act.

and valid as if duly solemnised under the principal Act, if such marriage was, when celebrated, a valid marriage according to the usages of the Quakers: Provided that notice of the intended marriage is given as required by the principal Act, and the Registrar's certificate prior to such marriage is duly issued. 5

Such marriages to be registered.

A certificate of every such marriage duly signed by both the parties to the marriage, and by two persons witnessing the marriage, shall, within one month next following the celebration thereof, be transmitted to the Registrar-General by the person celebrating or by one of the persons witnessing the marriage, or by the husband, stating 10 the date and place of such marriage, and the name, designation, and usual residence of each of those parties, according to the form as nearly as may be in Schedule E to the principal Act.

If such certificate be not transmitted as herein required, the husband shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding *twenty* pounds, 15 which may be recovered in a summary manner before any Resident Magistrate or two Justices of the Peace.