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1894, No. 13.

Title.

AN ACT for amending the Law relating to Conspiracy.

[21st August, 1894.]

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

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Conspiracy Law Amendment Act, 1894.”

Amendment of law as to conspiracy in trade disputes.

2. An agreement or combination by two or more persons to do or procure to be done any act in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute between employers and workmen shall not be deemed to be unlawful so as to render such persons liable to criminal prosecution for conspiracy if such act committed by one person would not be unlawful.

Nothing in this section shall affect the law relating to riot, unlawful assembly, breach of the peace, or sedition, or any crime against the State or the Sovereign.

“A crime” for the purposes of this section means an offence punishable on indictment, or an offence which is punishable on summary conviction, and for the commission of which the offender is liable to be imprisoned, either absolutely, or, at the discretion of the Court, as an alternative for some other punishment.

Combination affecting the supply of gas, electric light, or water.

3. No person employed by a local authority, or by any company or contractor upon which or upon whom there is imposed by statute the duty, or which or who have otherwise assumed the duty, of supplying any city, borough, town, or place, or any part thereof, with gas, electric light, or water, shall combine or agree with any other person or persons to leave, without due notice, the employ of such local authority, company, or contractor, if the effect of such combination or agreement may reasonably be expected to be that the inhabitants of such city, borough, town, or place, or part thereof respectively, will be for any time deprived wholly or to a great extent of their supply of gas, electric light, or water.

“Due notice,” for the purpose of this section, means at least fourteen days’ notice in writing.

Every person who shall combine or agree in a manner forbidden by this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, or to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one month with or without hard labour.

4. The several Acts of Parliament enumerated in the Schedule shall cease to have any force in the colony from and after the commencement of this Act. Repeal.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

ACTS REPEALED.

Act of the Parliament of England.

5 Eliz., c. 4.—An Act touching dyvers Orders for Artificers, Labourers, Servantes of Husbandrye, and Apprentices.

Act of the Parliament of Great Britain.

12 Geo. I., c. 34.—An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages.

Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

6 Geo. IV., c. 129.—An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the Combination of Workmen, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof.