

Section 4 provides that the evidence of parties in matrimonial proceedings may be taken by affidavits only with the leave of the Court.

Section 5 repeals the provisions of the principal Act allowing appeals to the Privy Council (in lieu of to the Court of Appeal of New Zealand) from decisions on petitions for dissolution or nullity of marriage.

Section 6 provides that a husband who (while separated from his wife by mutual consent or judicial decree) habitually and without cause leaves her without reasonable maintenance shall be deemed to have deserted her wilfully and without just cause or reasonable excuse.

1913, No. 70. The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1913:

Sections 7 and 8 permit of compensation cases being heard and determined in a Magistrates' Court instead of in the Court of Arbitration where the parties so agree.

Section 9 provides for the payment of compensation moneys to the Public Trustee in trust for the persons entitled thereto.

Section 10 provides that the right to recover compensation or damages in respect of an accident to a worker shall survive, notwithstanding the death of either party.

Section 13 gives to the employees of the Crown the same right to recover compensation or damages in respect of accidents as is possessed by the employees of private persons.

The other sections relate principally to matters of administration.

1913, No. 71. The Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1913: The object of this Act is to determine certain claims and disputes in relation to Native lands, and to confer jurisdiction upon the Native Land Court and the Maori Land Board with reference thereto.

1913, No. 72. The Law Practitioners Amendment Act, 1913

Section 2 extends the powers and functions of the New Zealand Law Society.

Section 3 imposes an additional annual fee of 10s. on practitioners, to be paid to the New Zealand Law Society.

Section 11 incorporates the several district law societies, and empowers them to hold real and personal property.

Section 14 empowers the Governor by Order in Council to make regulations for the audit and inspection of the trust accounts of solicitors.

1913, No. 73. The Monopoly Prevention Amendment Act, 1913: This Act extends the provisions of Part I of the Monopoly Prevention Act, 1908 (relating to the price of agricultural implements), until the 31st December, 1915.

1913, No. 74. The Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1913: This Act amends in various particulars the provisions of the Shops and Offices Act, 1908.

1913, No. 75. The Labour Disputes Investigation Act, 1913: This Act relates to disputes between employers and workers who are not for the time being bound by an award or industrial agreement. It provides for conferences of the parties with a view to securing an amicable settlement or (in the alternative) for the investigation of disputes by labour disputes committees, consisting of representatives of both parties to the dispute. Before a strike may lawfully take place a secret ballot of the workers affected is taken by the Registrar of Industrial Unions, and the result of the ballot is publicly notified. Freedom to strike is conferred on the lapse of seven days after the publication of such result. Similar provisions are made to apply in the case of lockouts of employers. Agreements entered into by employers and workers to whom the Act applies may be filed in the Court of Arbitration, and enforced as if they were industrial agreements under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

1913, No. 76. The Appropriation Act, 1913: This Act appropriates certain specified sums of money out of the Consolidated Fund, the Public Works Fund, and other accounts to the service of the year ending 31st March, 1914.

1913, No. 77. The Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1913: This Act amends in various particulars the provisions of the Shipping and Seamen Amendment Act, 1913, and comes into operation on a day to be notified by the Governor by Proclamation in the *Gazette*.

Local and Personal Acts.

1913, No. 1 (Local). The Wellington City Empowering and Amendment Act, 1913: This Act amends the Wellington City Empowering Act, 1897.

1913, No. 2 (Local). The Borough of Mornington Tramways Act Amendment Act, 1913: This Act authorizes the Mornington Borough Council to borrow an additional sum of £12,000 for tramway purposes.

1913, No. 3 (Local). The Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act, 1913: This Act amends the Dunedin District Drainage and Sewerage Act, 1900.

1913, No. 4 (Local). The Christchurch Electrical Supply Empowering Act, 1913: This Act enables the Christchurch City Council to borrow moneys for the purpose of assisting owners of buildings within the city to connect their premises with the city electrical supply, and also authorizes the said Council to supply electrical fittings and appliances.

1913, No. 5 (Local). The Auckland City Empowering Act, 1913: This Act is to enable the Auckland City Council to improve the Auckland City market-site, to acquire new market-sites, and to carry out certain other public works.

1913, No. 6 (Local). The Bluff Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1913: This Act provides for the redemption of certain liabilities of the Bluff Harbour Board, and authorizes the investment of certain trust funds in the Board's securities, and otherwise enlarges the powers of the Board.