

- 1922, No. 31.—The Tongariro National Park Act, 1922.—This Act authorizes the setting-apart of certain lands, including Mounts Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu, and lands in the vicinity thereof, as a national park, and provides for the control and management thereof by a special Board.
- 1922, No. 32.—The Magistrates' Courts Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1908, in various particulars, none of which is of outstanding importance.
- 1922, No. 33.—The Fencing Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Fencing Act, 1908. Section 2 makes provision for the recovery of the half cost of erecting a fence on the boundary of Native and European land from a person to whom such Native land is alienated. Section 4 amends section 15 of the principal Act, which deals with determination by Magistrates of questions in dispute respecting the erection of rabbit-proof fences. Section 15 will now apply to the South Island as well as to the North Island, and the Magistrate is no longer to take into consideration the possible benefit to be received by the person on whom the notice is served, but the condition of the rabbit pest in the district and the possibility of the land occupied by the person giving the notice becoming infested by rabbits from the adjoining land. Section 5 makes permanent provision for the fixing by the Governor-General in Council of the maximum half cost recoverable in respect of non-rabbit-proof fences, and repeals section 20 of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916.
- 1922, No. 34.—The Government Railways Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Government Railways Act, 1908. Section 2 amends the classification of the Second Division of the Railway Service. Section 3 provides for a new classification of the service. Section 4 enables scales of charges (to be paid for persons or goods carried on a railway) to be fixed by reference to distance as shown on the departmental record, notwithstanding any increase or reduction of such distance made by subsequent alterations of the railway. Section 6 fixes the penalty for a false statement in a consignment-note or waybill.
- 1922, No. 35.—The Crimes Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Crimes Act, 1908. Section 2 amends the provisions of the principal Act as to offences against girls by providing that the defence that the accused had reasonable cause to believe that the girl was over the age of sixteen years shall be limited to accused persons under the age of twenty-one years at the date of the commission of the offence. The time after the commission of the offence within which a prosecution may be commenced is extended to nine months. Section 3 makes an offence the act of inciting any person to commit any crime mentioned in section 349 of the principal Act. Section 4 extends the power to grant search-warrants in certain cases.
- 1922, No. 36.—The Cemeteries Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the Cemeteries Act, 1908. Section 2 makes it necessary for the sites and plans of crematoria to be approved by the Minister of Health. Section 4 authorizes cemetery trustees to regulate or prohibit the interment in any grave of more than one body. Section 5 authorizes local authorities which are trustees of cemeteries to delegate their powers to persons appointed by them.
- 1922, No. 37.—The Stamp Duties Act, 1922.—This Act is both a consolidation of the Stamp Duties Act, 1908, and other enactments, and a reconstruction of the law relating to stamp and other duties, a number of new principles being formulated. The Act is divided into Parts as follows: Part I, Administration; Part II, Stamping of Instruments by the Stamp Duties Office; Part III, General Provisions as to Duties; Part IV, Conveyance Duty; Part V, Mortgage Duty; Part VI, Duty on Leases and Licenses; Part VII, Duty on Negotiable Instruments; Part VIII, Duty on Sales of Shares in Mining Companies; Part IX, Miscellaneous Stamp Duties; Part X, Annual Licenses of Companies; Part XI, Duties payable by Racing Clubs; Part XII, Transitory Provisions.
- 1922, No. 38.—The Aid to Public Works and Land Settlement Act, 1922.—This Act authorizes the borrowing of £4,000,000 for certain public works.
- 1922, No. 39.—The Workers' Compensation Act, 1922.—This Act is a consolidation and amendment of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1908, and the other enactments mentioned in the Third Schedule to this Act. The maximum amount payable by way of compensation in respect of any worker is increased to £750. This Act is divided into Parts as follows: Part I, Compensation; Part II, Procedure; Part III, Miscellaneous Provisions.
- 1922, No. 40.—The State Advances Amendment Act, 1922.—This Act amends the State Advances Act, 1913, in various particulars, and is divided into Parts as follows: Part I, Miscellaneous Business of Advances Office; Part II, General.

Part I (section 2) establishes a Miscellaneous Advances Branch to carry on certain classes of business of the Office, principally business transferred by this Act to the Office from other Departments of State. The advances of moneys under (a) the Fruit-preserving Industry Act, and (b) section 30 of the Finance Act, 1918 (No. 2), for the provision of cold storage; (c) the Repatriation Act, 1918; (d) the Fishing Industry Promotion Act, 1919; and (e) the Housing Act, 1919, are by this Act made business of the Advances Office, and sections 3 to 13 of this Act make the necessary amendments of those Acts.

Part II: Section 16 provides that moneys advanced under Part II of the principal Act for repayment of mortgages shall bear interest at a rate exceeding by 1 per centum the rate for the time being chargeable on advances made for other purposes. Sections 17 to 19 establish reserve funds for the Settlers, Workers, and Local Authorities Branches. Section 20 provides that the net profits of branches shall be paid into the Advances Office Sinking Fund Account. Section 21 makes special provision in respect of advances under the principal Act, and also under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, on the security of the same property. Section 22 provides for an important extension of the powers of the Superintendent, who is authorized, subject to certain special conditions, to make advances in the Advances to Settlers Branch on chattel securities.