

APPENDIX E.

MASTER AND APPRENTICE AMENDMENT ACT, 1920, No. 36.

NEW ZEALAND.

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1920, No. 36.

Title. AN ACT to amend the Master and Apprentice Act, 1908.

[28th October, 1920.]

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. This Act may be cited as the Master and Apprentice Amendment Act, 1920, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Master and Apprentice Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

PART I.

IMMIGRANT FARM APPRENTICES.

Indentures of apprenticeship to be served in New Zealand may be executed in the United Kingdom.

2. (1.) An indenture of apprenticeship of any boy between the ages of fifteen and nineteen years to the occupation of farming and farm-work in New Zealand may be made in the United Kingdom if it is made in accordance with this section.

(2.) The indenture shall be in a form prescribed by regulations, and shall be executed by the boy and by the High Commissioner or by an officer appointed by the High Commissioner for the purpose.

(3.) The indenture may provide for the payment out of the wages of the apprentice of the whole or any part of the passage-money and other expenses incurred for the apprentice, and may also provide for the payment of any part of the balance of such wages during the term of the apprenticeship, or any part of such term, into an account to accumulate for the benefit of the apprentice.

(4.) The indenture shall state the minimum amount of wages to be paid by the employer to the apprentice during the first year of his employment in New Zealand, and shall contain a provision that the wages to be paid by the employer to, or on account of, or for the benefit of, the apprentice after the expiration of twelve months from the commencement of the employment in New Zealand shall from time to time be such as are usually paid on farms to boys of the age and capacity of the apprentice, and a provision that if any difference of opinion arises as to the rate of such wages such rate shall be determined in each case by arbitration in the manner prescribed by regulations to be made in that behalf by the Governor-General in Council.

(5.) It shall not be necessary to name in the indenture any person to be the employer of the apprentice.

(6.) The terms and conditions of the indenture may be varied by the Minister of Immigration at any time before the employer of the apprentice nominated by that Minister signifies acceptance of such nomination, but no such variation shall be made unless it is, in the opinion of the Minister, directly or indirectly for the advantage of the apprentice.

Minister may nominate employer of apprentice.

(7.) On the arrival of the apprentice in New Zealand the Minister of Immigration shall, after consultation with the apprentice, nominate some person or company engaged in farming pursuits in New Zealand to be the employer of the apprentice.

Acceptance of nomination by employer to be endorsed on indenture.

(8.) The employer nominated shall signify acceptance by an endorsement in the prescribed form on the indenture, signed by such employer.

(9.) An endorsement so signed shall render the indenture binding on the employer in the same manner as if he had been a party to the indenture.

(10.) Every apprenticeship so made shall continue until the apprentice attains the age of twenty years.

(11.) An indenture of apprenticeship made under this section shall not be assigned to any person except with the consent in writing of the Minister of Immigration.

(12.) It shall not in any case be necessary that the parents or guardians of any apprentice under this part of this Act should be parties to, or sign, or assent to, any indenture.

3. The indenture shall have operation and be binding as follows :—

Operation of indenture of apprenticeship under this Part of this Act.

(a.) From the time of the execution by or on behalf of the High Commissioner until the acceptance by an employer nominated by the Minister of Immigration it shall have effect as an indenture of master and apprentice under the principal Act as between the boy or apprentice and any person or persons appointed by the High Commissioner as master to control the boy during the passage to and on and after arrival in New Zealand to the extent that sections four and twelve of the principal Act shall apply.