

- (b.) From the time of the endorsement thereon of acceptance by an employer nominated by the Minister of Immigration and until the boy attains the age of twenty years, or until the indenture is sooner cancelled with the consent in writing of the Minister, it shall have full effect either in its original form or as varied by the Minister, as hereinbefore provided, as an indenture of apprenticeship under the principal Act between the boy as apprentice and such employer as master, and shall also have such full effect as between the boy as apprentice and any employer to whom, with the consent of the Minister of Immigration, the apprentice may be assigned.
4. In respect of every indenture under this part of this Act the following provisions shall apply :— Provisions as to evidence of indentures.
- (a.) Where such indenture purports to have been signed by the boy it shall be deemed without proof of the fact to have been duly executed by the boy named in the indenture, and it shall be presumed that the boy whose passage to New Zealand was provided in accordance with such indenture is the boy who signed such indenture.
- (b.) Where such indenture purports to have been executed by the High Commissioner it shall be deemed without further proof to have been duly so executed.
- (c.) Where such indenture purports to have been executed by a person employed by the High Commissioner, or in the office of the High Commissioner, it shall be deemed without further proof that such indenture was duly executed by such person, and that such person was an officer duly appointed by the High Commissioner for the purpose of the execution of such indenture.
- (d.) Where an endorsement of acceptance purports to be signed by an employer it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that such endorsement was duly signed by the employer named, and that such employer was duly nominated by the Minister of Immigration.
- (e.) A copy of such indenture and of any endorsement of acceptance certified by the Minister of Immigration shall be admitted as evidence without production of the original indenture.

## PART II.

### FARM APPRENTICESHIP OF NEW ZEALAND BOYS.

5. (1.) An indenture of apprenticeship of any boy between the ages of fifteen and nineteen years resident in New Zealand to the occupation of farming and farm-work may be made in accordance with this Part of this Act, and not otherwise. Apprenticeship of boys resident in New Zealand to occupation of farming.
- (2.) The indenture shall be in a form prescribed by regulations, and shall be executed by the boy of the first part, and by the parent or guardian of the boy or (if he has no parent or guardian) by the Minister of Lands of the second part, and by the employer to whom the apprentice is bound of the third part.
- (3.) The indenture shall state the minimum amount of wages to be paid to the apprentice during the first year, and shall contain a provision that the wages to be paid by the employer to the apprentice after the expiration of twelve months from the commencement of the employment 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.
- (4.) Every apprenticeship so made may continue until the apprentice attains the age of twenty years.
- (5.) An indenture of apprenticeship made under this section shall not be assigned to any person except with the consent of the Minister of Lands.

## PART III.

### GENERAL.

6. In this Part of this Act "Minister" in respect of an apprenticeship under Part I of this Act means the Minister of Immigration, and in respect of an apprenticeship under Part II of this Act means the Minister of Lands. Interpretation.
7. The provisions of Part I of the principal Act shall apply in respect of an apprenticeship under Part I of this Act from the time of endorsement of acceptance by an employer nominated by the Minister, and in respect of an apprenticeship under Part II of this Act from the time of the complete execution of the indenture by the required parties, except as follows :— Application of Part I of principal Act to indentures under this Act.
- (a.) Sections five to eight inclusive shall not apply.
- (b.) In section nine, in lieu of the words "two Justices under their hands," the words "the Minister" shall be read.
- (c.) Section eleven shall not apply, and in lieu thereof it is hereby enacted that an apprentice by indenture under this Act may make complaint to the Minister of any ill usage or neglect of duty by his employer, and the Minister may, on proof to his satisfaction of such ill usage or neglect of duty, discharge the apprentice from all obligation to such employer under the indenture, and may nominate a new employer to whom the apprentice shall become bound under the provisions of this Act forthwith upon such new employer signing an endorsement of acceptance upon the indenture, as if the indenture had originally been endorsed or executed by such new employer.
- (d.) Sections thirteen and fourteen shall not apply.