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E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as

- 1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Employment of Short Title. Females Act.'
- 2. In the construction of this Act, the following terms shall, if not Interpretation. inconsistent with the context or subject-matter, have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,-
 - "Employ" shall apply to all kinds of manual work and labour in the preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale, not being contract or piece-work.
 - "Female" means any woman or female child employed in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale.
 - "Workroom includes any place in which females are so employed.
- 3. No person shall employ any female at any time between the Hours of employhours of six in the afternoon and nine in the morning, or for more ment. than eight hours in any one day.

4. Every female shall have holiday on every Saturday afternoon Holidays. from two o'clock, and on Sunday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and any other day set apart as a public holiday, without loss of wages.

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5. Every workroom shall be properly ventilated.

6. If any employer of females commits a breach of this Act, such employer shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds. The penalty may be recovered before any two Justices in a summary way by any person who may sue for the same.

7. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions hereof, any person authorized in writing by a Resident Magistrate may enter and inspect any workroom at any time during working hours.

Appointment of Inspectors.

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