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No. , 1912.

A BILL

To amend the Government Railways Act, 1901, and the Railway Commissioners Appointment Act, 1906, with regard to appeals ; and for other purposes.

[MR. CANN ;— , 1912.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

5 **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Government Railways (Appeal Board) Act, 1912." It shall commence and take effect on the day of , one thousand nine hundred and

10 **2.** Sections eighty-nine and ninety of the Government Railways Act, 1901, are repealed, and the following section is inserted in lieu thereof :—

89. (1) Every other appeal which may be made by an officer under this Part of this Act shall be made to a board, which shall consist of—

15 any stipendiary magistrate, who shall be chairman of the board ;
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such officer of the railway and tramway service as the Chief Commissioner authorises to sit on the board at the hearing of the appeal, not being an officer of the branch of such service to which the appellant belongs ;

an officer included in the same division mentioned in the Third Schedule to which the appellant belongs, and who has been elected for that purpose as hereinafter provided.

(2) The officers described in any division of the Third Schedule to this Act shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, and thereafter every three years, elect by ballot from among themselves a representative and his deputy to sit on the board.

Any such officer so elected may, until the next election under this section, sit on the board, but only on any appeal by an officer included in the division of the Third Schedule to which he belongs. The deputy shall only sit in case of the death, illness, or absence of the representative.

Any vacancy among the officers so elected shall be filled by an election under this section.

The officers who may vote at and the mode of conducting such elections may be prescribed by regulations which the Chief Commissioner is hereby authorised to make at any time after the passing of this Act.

If an election under this section is for any cause void, or if such election is not held, the Governor, by proclamation in the Gazette, may appoint a fit person to hold the office.

(3) The Chief Commissioner shall cause to be given to an appellant at least seven days' notice of the hearing of his appeal.

(4) The Third Schedule to this Act may be altered in any respect, or it may be rescinded and a new Schedule made by the Governor by proclamation in the Gazette.

3. The Schedule at the end of this Act is inserted at the end of the Government Railways Act, 1901, as the Third Schedule to that Act.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

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Division 1.—Officers in the Secretary's, Chief Accountant's, Estate Agent's, Advertising Manager's, Solicitor for Railways', Railway and Tramway Medical Officer's, Comptroller of Stores', and Traffic Auditor's Branches.

Division 2.—Officers in the clerical and running staff sections of the Locomotive Branch.

Division 3.—Officers in the mechanical sections of the Locomotive Branch.

Division 4.—Officers in the Railway Traffic Branch.

Division 5.—Officers in the Permanent-way Branch of the Railways, including those in the Signalling and Interlocking Branches.

Division 6.—Officers in the Permanent-way Branch of the Tramways.

Division 7.—Officers in the Railway and Tramway Electrical Branches.

Division 8.—Officers in the Tramway Traffic Branch.

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