

ABORIGINES PROTECTION AMENDING ACT.

Act No. 2, 1915.

An Act to amend the Aborigines Protection Act, **George V,**
1909 ; and for other purposes. [Assented to, **No. 2.**
15th February, 1915.]

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 :—

1. This Act may be cited as the “Aborigines Pro-Short title.
tection Amending Act, 1915,” and shall be read with the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, hereinafter called the Principal Act.

2. (1) Section eleven, subsection one, of the Principal Amendment
of s. 11 (1).
Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1901,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “on such terms and conditions as it may think under the circumstances of the case to be desirable” ; and

(b) by omitting the last paragraph of the subsection.

(2) Subsection two of the same section is amended by omitting the words “above fourteen and”

3. The following new sections are inserted and shall New sections.
be read next after section eleven :—

11A. (1) Every child so apprenticed who refuses Certain child-
ren may be
removed to
training
homes.
to go to the person to whom the Board has appren-
ticed him may be removed, for the purpose of being
trained, to some home or institution as the Board
may arrange. (2)

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(2) The Board may, after due inquiry, cancel the indentures of any child so apprenticed at the request of the employer or if it is of opinion that the moral or physical well-being of such child is likely to be impaired by continuance in such apprenticeship, and may thereupon arrange that such child be removed to a home or institution for the purpose of being trained.

Children
absconding
from homes or
institutions.

11B. Any child absconding from any home or institution wherein he has been placed under order of the Board, may be dealt with as a "neglected child" under the provisions of the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905: Provided that child in this section means any person under eighteen years of age.

New section.

4. The following new section is inserted and shall be read next after section thirteen:—

Board may
assume
custody of
child under
certain
conditions.

13A. The Board may assume full control and custody of the child of any aborigine, if after due inquiry it is satisfied that such a course is in the interest of the moral or physical welfare of such child.

The Board may thereupon remove such child to such control and care as it thinks best.

The parents of any such child so removed may appeal against any such action on the part of the Board to a Court as defined in the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905, in a manner to be prescribed by regulations.

Amendment
of s. 16 (1).

5. Section sixteen, subsection one, of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "and over five."