Legislatibe Council.

No. , 1902.

A BILL

To facilitate compromises and arrangements between Friendly Societies liable to be wound up under the Acts affecting such societies and their creditors; and to amend such Acts for that purpose.

[MR. SLATTERY; -8 October, 1902.]

B^E 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 "Friendly Societies' (Arrange-Short title. ments) Act, 1962," and shall be read and construed as part of the Companies Act, 1899, and the Friendly Societies Acts, 1899 to 1901, and shall be in force until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and three.

10 2. Where no order has been made or resolution passed for the Power to court to winding-up of a friendly society, and any compromise or arrangement stay proceedings and is proposed between such friendly society and the creditors of such before winding-up. friendly society or any class of such creditors, the court may, in addition to any other of its powers, on the application in a summary

15 way of the friendly society, or of any creditor of the friendly society, restrain further proceedings in any action, suit, petition, or proceeding against the friendly society upon such terms as it may think fit; and may also order that a meeting of such creditors, or class of creditors, shall be summoned in such manner and at such time as the court may

20 direct, and if a majority in number representing three-fourths in value of such creditors, or class of creditors, present either in person or by proxy or attorney at such meeting, agree to any arrangement or compromise, such arrangement or compromise shall, if sanctioned by an order of the court, be binding upon the friendly society and its 25 members and shareholders, and upon all such creditors or class of

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