INSPECTION OF SCAFFOLDING.

17° GEO. V., NO. XXI.

No. 21 of 1926.

AN ACT to amend the Inspection of Scaffolding Act, 1924.

[Assented to 6th November, 1926.]

DE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Inspection of Scaffolding Act Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read as one with the Inspection of Scaffolding Act, 1924, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. Subsection two of section one of the principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion, after the words "This Act" in the first line, of the words "except as hereinafter provided," and by the deletion of the words "This Act shall also apply to any building exceeding one storey in height situated in any part of the State," and the insertion in place thereof of the words "Provided that this Act shall be in force and have effect throughout the State whenever scaffolding exceeding fifteen feet in height from the horizontal base is used."

3. (1) An interpretation of the words "Horizontal base" is inserted in section two of the principal Act as follows:—

"Horizontal base" means ground level: Provided that where any scaffolding is erected upon permanent floors with walls on all sides not less than three feet higher than the working platform, then such permanent floor shall be deemed the hori-

Short title.

Amendment of sec. 1.

Amendment of sec. 2. Scs N.S.W., 1912, No. 38, s. 3. zontal base: Provided also, that in the case of scaffolding erected or used below the ground level, "Horizontal base" shall mean the base of the scaffolding.

(2) The interpretation of the word "scaffolding" in section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting after the words "support" in line three the words "or protection"; by inserting after the words "swinging stage" in line seven the words "or ladder exceeding twenty-five feet in length"; and by inserting after the word "wells" in line twelve the words "and in excavations made in connection with building operations "

4. Section eleven of the principal Act is hereby amended Amendment of sec. 11. by inserting a subsection as follows :---

(3) When it appears to an inspector that the employment of any person on any building or structure at a height exceeding eight feet from the ground level without the use of scaffolding would be dangerous to human life or limb, he may, by notice to any person so employed and the owner of the building or structure, give directions for scaffolding to be used to his satisfaction, and unless notice of appeal is given as hereinafter provided, such directions shall be forthwith carried out.

5. Subsection two of section twenty-five of the prin-Amendment of cipal Act is hereby amended by the insertion of paragraphs see. 25. as follows :---

(cl) For the protection of workmen from electric wires so near scaffolding as to be a source of danger.

(c2) Requiring a municipal council or road board to notify the chief inspector, with prescribed par-ticulars, whenever notice is received by such council or board under any building by-law or regulation in force for the time being in the district, of the intention of any person to commence to build, take down. alter, add to, or repair any building.

6. The schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended Amendment of schedule by inserting after the word "inspector" in line five of regulation 19 the words "the marks shall not be obliterated and."