

60° VICTORIA, 1896.

A BILL

To lower the Pilotage Rates; to restrict the granting and the use of Pilotage Certificates; and to amend the Navigation Acts, 1871-1881.

BE it enacted by the Queen'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. There shall be payable and paid upon every ship not exempted New pilotage rates. by the Principal Act as hereby amended, on her arrival at or departure from any port or place within the jurisdiction at which there is a pilotage establishment, pilotage rates as follow:—

- (a) Upon every ship on her arrival or departure as aforesaid in ballast, the sum of one penny per ton:
- (b) Upon every ship on her arrival as aforesaid for the purpose of refitting or docking the ship or of obtaining coal to be used in the ship on her voyage and for no other purpose, the sum of one penny per ton:
- (c) Upon every ship compelled to return into the port or place through stress of weather or for repairs, the sum of one penny per ton on her arrival or departure as aforesaid:
- (d) Upon every ship on her arrival or departure as aforesaid under circumstances other than those hereinbefore in this section set forth, the sum of twopence per ton:

Provided that the rates payable in respect of the arrival of Minimum and maximum rates. any ship at, or her departure from, the port of Sydney or port of Newcastle shall not be less than two pound ten shillings, and in respect of her arrival at, or departure from, any other port or place within the jurisdiction shall not be less than one pound five shillings:

Provided also, that no rates in respect of the arrival of any ship at any port or place within the jurisdiction, or her departure from the said port or place, shall exceed thirty pounds.

2. (I) After the day when this Act takes effect pilotage Pilotage certificates not to be granted in respect of foreign trading ships. certificates shall only be granted in respect of British ships employed in trading or going between some port or place within the jurisdiction, and some port or place in the Australian Colonies or New Zealand or in the South Sea Islands, and in respect of ships engaged in the whaling trade.

(II) Any person, other than a duly licensed pilot, found acting Pilotage certificate can only be used by the master. as a pilot for any ship of which he is not the master named on the certificate of registry of the ship or any document having the effect of a certificate of registry of the ship, either entering or navigating in or leaving any port or place within the jurisdiction at which there is a pilotage establishment, shall, whether he holds or does not hold a pilotage certificate granted before or after the day on which this Act takes effect, be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

3. Section fifty-four of the Navigation Act of 1871 is hereby Repeal. repealed.

4. This Act shall take effect on and after the day Commencement and short title. of _____, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and shall be construed as one with the Navigation Acts, 1871-1881, and may be cited as the "Pilotage Rates Act, 1896."