

No. , 1899.

A BILL

To amend the Postage Acts Amendment Act, 1893, with regard to the definition of newspapers.

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. (1) In order to secure that none but bona fide newspapers shall be received, conveyed, or delivered within the Colony free of postage, the definition of a newspaper in section three of the Postage Acts Amendment Act, 1893 (56 Vic. No. 31) is, for the purpose of that Act and for the purpose of section two of the Act 37 Vic. No. 1, hereby amended in the following particulars:—

- (a) A newspaper must be published for sale.
- (b) A fair proportion only of a newspaper may consist of literature or illustrations of an educational character.
- (c) A fair proportion only of the advertisements in a newspaper may relate to the business of the printer, publisher, or proprietor of the newspaper.
- (d) A fair proportion only of a newspaper may consist of advertisements.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, the Governor may make regulations—

- (a) defining what constitutes the publication of a newspaper for sale;
- (b) determining what proportion of literature and illustrations of an educational character is a fair proportion of a newspaper;
- (c) determining what proportion of advertisements relating to the business of the printer, publisher, or proprietor of a newspaper is a fair proportion of the advertisements in the newspaper;
- (d) determining what proportion of advertisements is a fair proportion of a newspaper.

All such regulations shall be published in the Gazette, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication, if Parliament is sitting, but if Parliament is not sitting, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

2. This Act shall take effect on the day of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and may be cited as the "Postage (Newspapers) Amendment Act, 1899."