

No. , 1912.

A BILL

To regulate the supplying and engaging of seamen and apprentices; to amend the Seamen's Act, 1898; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

[MR. CANN;— July, 1912.]

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 :—

5 **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Seamen's Employment Act, Short title.
1912."

2. For the purposes of this Act—

Definitions.

 "Inspector" means seamen's inspector appointed under this Act.

 "Regulations" means regulations made under this Act.

10 "Seaman" includes every person whose usual employment is in any capacity on board any ship, except masters, pilots, apprentices, and persons temporarily employed on board any ship in port.

 "Ship"

"Ship" includes every description of vessel used in navigation not propelled by oars.

A seaman or apprentice is supplied to be entered on board a ship whether he does or does not consent of his own free will to be so supplied.

Act to apply to port.

3. The Governor, by proclamation in the Gazette, may declare that this Act shall apply to any port, including any place therein mentioned or described, adjacent to or in the neighbourhood of such port, and this Act shall thereupon so apply.

Any such proclamation may be rescinded or amended by 10 proclamation of the Governor.

Appointment of inspectors.

4. The Governor may for any such ports appoint seamen's inspectors. Such inspectors shall act under the direction and control of the shipping master for the port.

Duties of inspectors.

5. (1) An inspector for any such port shall—

(a) keep a register of persons desiring to enter as seamen or apprentices on board ships in the port;

(b) supply seamen and apprentices to be entered on board such ships.

(2) An inspector may charge the fees prescribed by the 20 regulations for supplying seamen or apprentices as aforesaid.

Seamen and apprentices to be supplied by the inspectors.

6. (1) A person shall not in a port or place to which this Act applies (unless he is an inspector for such port) supply a seaman or apprentice to be entered on board any ship trading between any port in New South Wales and any port outside the Commonwealth of 25 Australia and Dominion of New Zealand.

(2) A person shall not, except by permission of the shipping master or of an inspector for a port to which this Act applies, engage a seaman or apprentice to be entered on board any such ship in that port unless such seaman or apprentice is supplied for that purpose by 30 such inspector.

(3) If a person acts in contravention of this section he shall, for each seaman or apprentice in respect of whom the offence has been committed, be liable to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding *six* months, or to both 35 penalty and imprisonment.

(4) Section thirty of the Seamen's Act, 1898, is amended with regard to a port to which this Act applies by omitting the expressions "or supplies" and "or supply" and "or supplied" wherever occurring in the section, and by omitting subsection three 40 of the section.

Regulations.

7. The Governor may make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and may in such regulations impose any penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds for any breach of the same.

Penalties.

8. Penalties incurred under this Act or the regulations may be 45 imposed by and recovered before a stipendiary or police magistrate, or any two justices in petty sessions.