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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Compensation to Workmen employed in the service of the Commonwealth for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment.*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1912.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1912).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections four, sixteen, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, forty, and forty-nine of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act* 1908–1909, and to amend that Act in relation to blind persons and the punishment of offences.

Question—put and passed.

4. JUDICIARY BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 35—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903–1910.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was, after debate, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hughes and Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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5. INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 34—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Inter-State Commission. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hughes and Mr. Fisher do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Hughes then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. BEER EXCISE BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the following amendment was made :—

Line 7, after "amended" insert :—

"(a) by omitting the definition of Quarts and Pints and inserting in its stead the following definition—

'Quarts, pints, or half-pints' means quart, pint, or half-pint bottles, and includes bottles reputed to contain quarts, pints, or half pints ; and

(b)"

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the following amendment was made :—

Line 18, omit "Eighteen", insert "Seventeen".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

"4. Section forty-four of the *Beer Excise Act* 1901 is amended by omitting the words 'quarts or pints' and inserting in their stead the words 'quarts, pints, or half-pints'." Amendment
of s. 44.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. BOUNTIES BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 31—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Tudor, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounties Act* 1907.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Tudor then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, after debate, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 32—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Tudor, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Manufactures Encouragement Act* 1908.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Tudor then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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9. WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 33—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Tudor, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide Bounties on Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate, and Rewards for the Discovery of Rock Phosphate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Tudor then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. JUDICIARY BILL (1912).—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to an order made this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1910'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1912).—Mr. Fisher, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend sections four, sixteen, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, forty, and forty-nine of the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1903-1909'*, and to amend that Act in relation to blind persons and the punishment of offences," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the following amendments were made:—

Line 10, omit "July", insert "January", and omit "twelve", insert "thirteen".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, after debate, the following amendments were made:—

Line 26, omit "July", insert "January".

Line 27, omit "twelve" insert "thirteen".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9, 10, 11, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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13. NAVIGATION BILL.—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 31.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 31—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

Amendment No. 9, viz :—

No. 9.—Page 4, after clause 5, insert the following new clause :—

“5A. A ship shall be deemed to be engaged in the coasting trade, Definition of coasting trade. within the meaning of this Act, if she takes on board passengers or cargo at any port in a State, or a Territory which is part of the Commonwealth, to be carried to, and landed or delivered at, any other port in the same State or Territory or in any other State or other such Territory :

Provided that a ship shall not be deemed to be engaged in the coasting trade by reason of the fact that she carries—

- (a) passengers who hold through tickets to or from a port beyond Australia and the Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth ; or
- (b) cargo consigned on a through bill of lading to or from a port beyond Australia and those Territories ; or
- (c) mails between any ports in Australia or in any of those Territories :

Provided further that the Governor-General may by order declare that the carrying of passengers or cargo between ports in any Territory which is part of the Commonwealth, or between ports in any such Territory and any other Australian ports, shall not be deemed engaging in the coasting trade.”

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

In paragraph (b), line 11, after “ Territories ” insert “ and which is not transhipped to or from any ship trading exclusively in Australian waters which is not licensed under this Act ”.

Amendment No. 21, viz. :—

No. 21.—Page 10, clause 38, line 34, before “ to ” insert “ or a river and bay ship ”.

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in the clause, viz. :—

Page 10, line 33, leave out “ fifteen ” and insert “ fifty ”.

Amendment No. 28, viz. :—

No. 28.—Page 13, clause 48, line 22, omit “ ship reaches a port of destination ” insert “ ship's arrival at a port of destination and the discharge of cargo consequent on that arrival ”.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

After “ and ” insert “ in the case of foreign-going ships ”.

Amendment No. 56, viz. :—

No. 56.—Page 24, clause 99, in Column 2, after line 33, insert “ Penalty of Twenty pounds.”

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

Leave out “ Twenty ” and insert “ Ten ”.

Amendment No. 72, viz. :—

No. 72.—Page 38, clause 139, after line 26, insert the following new sub-clause :—

“ (3.) A seaman or apprentice who, by any false statement or pretence, obtains leave to go ashore for any such purpose shall be guilty of an offence.
Penalty : Five pounds.”

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

Leave out “ Five ” and insert “ Two ”.

Amendment No. 86, viz. :—

No. 86.—Page 53, clause 196, omit the clause, and insert the following new clause :—

“ 196. Subject to the power of the Minister to extend the time for re-survey, every steam-ship shall be surveyed once at least in every twelve months by the prescribed surveyor.”

Survey of steamships.
M.S.A. 1894,
s. 271.

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in clause 208, viz. :—

In line 4, after “ (b) ” insert “ in the case of steam-ships carrying not more than twelve passengers,”.

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Amendment No. 112, viz. :—

No. 112.—Page 62, clause 236, omit the clause and insert the following new clause :—

“236.—(1.) Except as prescribed, every foreign-going ship, Australian-trade ship, or ship engaged in the coasting trade, carrying fifty or more persons, including passengers and crew, shall before going to sea from any port in Australia, be equipped with an efficient apparatus for wireless communication in good working order in charge of one or more persons holding prescribed certificates of skill in the use of such apparatus.”

Wireless telegraphy apparatus.

Wireless Ship Act, U.S.A., 1910.

Imperial Wireless Telegraphy Bill 1910.

(2.) For the purposes of this section apparatus for wireless communication shall not be deemed to be efficient unless—

(a) it is capable of transmitting and receiving messages over a distance of at least one hundred miles, day or night ;

(b) the person controlling the operator undertakes in writing to the Minister to exchange, and does, in fact, exchange, as far as may be physically practicable (of which the master shall be the judge), messages with shore or ship stations using similar or other systems of wireless communication ; and

(c) there is provided, in connexion with the apparatus, and ready for use whenever from any cause the ordinary supply of electrical power is not available, a battery of accumulators of such capacity as to insure for a period of at least six hours communication of the efficiency prescribed in paragraph (a) of this sub-section.

(3.) The master of a ship required by this section to be so equipped shall not take her to sea, and the owner of a ship required to be so equipped shall not permit her to go to sea, unless the requirements of this section have been complied with.

Penalty : One thousand pounds.

(4.) The Regulations may prescribe the times and hours during which an operator shall be in attendance on the apparatus, ready to receive or transmit messages.

(5.) Except as otherwise prescribed, the provisions of this section shall not apply to ships plying exclusively between ports in Australia less than Two hundred miles apart.”

Amendment agreed to with the following amendments, viz. :—

After sub-clause (2.) insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(2A.) The equipment shall, if so prescribed, include a silent chamber for the receipt of messages.”

Leave out sub-clause (3.), and insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(3.) The master of a ship required by this section or the regulations to be equipped with wireless telegraphy apparatus shall not take her to sea, and the owner of a ship required to be so equipped shall not permit her to go to sea, unless the requirements of this section or the regulations have been complied with.

Penalty : One thousand pounds.”

At end of clause, add the following new sub-clause :—

“(6.) The Governor-General may make regulations in accordance with the provisions of any International Convention to which the United Kingdom is a party, relating to the use of wireless telegraphy on ships, and such regulations may be in addition to, or in substitution either wholly or in part for, the provisions of this section.”

Amendment No. 113, viz. :—

No. 113.—Page 65, clause 252, line 8, omit “All” insert “The regulations may provide that any”.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendments, viz. :—

Leave out “may provide that any”, and insert “shall provide that”.

And the following consequential amendment in the Bill :—

Page 65, clause 252, line 8, after “ships” insert “of such class or classes as may be prescribed”.

Amendment No. 123, viz. :—

No. 123.—Page 68, after clause 271 insert the following new clause :—

“271A.—(1.) Every—

(a) Foreign-going ship trading regularly with the Commonwealth ; or

(b) Australian-trade ship on a voyage between consecutive ports which exceeds a prescribed distance

Hospital accommodation.

and having one hundred persons or more on board, shall be provided with hospital accommodation of such a character, and so placed and arranged as to afford proper means of isolation for cases of communicable disease which may arise during the voyage, and for any persons attending to such cases.

(2.) The accommodation shall include the necessary lavatory and sanitary accommodation and such other accommodation as is prescribed.

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(3.) The hospital shall, wherever practicable, be placed on the top deck aft or on the boat deck as far back as practicable.

(4.) The master of a vessel who fails to comply with this section and who suffers his vessel to enter any port or place in Australia shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty (on master or owner) : One hundred pounds."

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

In sub-clause (3.) leave out "back" and insert "aft".

Amendment No. 128, viz. :—

No. 128.—Page 72, clause 287, omit all words of the clause after "No" in line 9, and insert "ship shall engage in the coasting trade unless licensed to do so.

Penalty (on master, owner, or agent) : Five hundred pounds.

(2.) Licences to ships to engage in the coasting trade shall be for such period, not exceeding three years, as is prescribed, and may be granted as prescribed.

(3.) Every licence shall be issued subject to compliance on the part of the ship, her master, owner, and agent, during such time as she is engaged in the coasting trade, with the following conditions :—

(a) That the seamen employed on the ship shall be paid wages in accordance with this Part of this Act ; and

(b) That, in the case of a foreign ship, she shall be provided with the same number of officers and seamen, and with the same accommodation for them, as would be required if she were a British ship registered in Australia or engaged in the coasting trade.

(4.) Any breach of the above conditions shall be a contravention of this Act.

(5.) Before granting any licence, the Minister may require security to be given to his satisfaction by the master, owner, or agent for compliance with the conditions of the licence and the requirements of this Part of this Act.

(6.) In addition to, or in lieu of, any penalty otherwise provided, the Governor-General may cancel any licence if he is satisfied that a breach of any of the above conditions has been committed.

(7.) No licence shall be cancelled unless an opportunity has been given to the master, owner, or agent of the ship to show cause against cancellation."

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

At end of sub-clause (3.) add the following new paragraph :—

"(c) That in every ship registered in Australia or engaged in the coasting trade where a library is provided for the use of passengers members of the crew shall be entitled to obtain books therefrom under the same conditions as may regulate the issue of such books to the passengers.

Penalty (on owner) : Ten pounds."

Amendment No. 156, viz. :—

No. 156.—Page 85, clause 349, line 17, omit "the ship into his charge" insert "the charge of piloting the ship to that pilot".

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in the clause, viz. :—

In Page 85, line 15, after "pilot" insert "for a port which has been proclaimed as a port at which the employment of a pilot is compulsory".

Amendment No. 158, viz. :—

No. 158.—Page 85, clause 352, line 32, insert after figures "352" the following new sub-clause (1.) and figure :—

"(1.) The duty of a pilot in compulsory charge shall be to pilot the ship subject to the authority of the master, but the master shall not be relieved, by reason of the ship being under compulsory pilotage, from responsibility for the conduct and navigation of the ship."

"(2.)"

Amendment agreed to with the following amendments, viz. :—

In line 1, leave out "in compulsory charge".

In line 3, leave out "compulsory".

Amendment No. 171, viz. :—

No. 171.—Page 99, clause 421, line 6, after "Australia" insert "or engaged in the coasting trade".

Amendment agreed to with the following consequential amendment in the clause, viz. :—

After sub-clause (1.) insert the following proviso :—

"Provided that the returns required to be furnished in regard to ships not registered in Australia shall relate only to the earnings of those ships whilst engaged in the coasting trade."

Amendment No. 176, viz. :—

No. 176.—Pages 101 and 102, Schedule I, omit the Schedule and insert the following new Schedule :—

"SCHEDULE I.

Section 11.

(1.) SCALE OF DECK OFFICERS.

Every British ship registered in Australia or engaged in the coasting trade (other than a limited coast trade or river and bay ship of less than fifteen tons gross registered tonnage) shall

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be provided with a duly certificated master, and in addition with other duly certificated deck officers according to the following scale :—

Net Registered Tonnage of Ship and Length of Voyage.	Minimum number of duly certificated Deck Officers holding Certificates, proper for the Ship and Voyage, not lower than—	
	First Mate.	Second Mate.
(i) FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS AND AUSTRALIAN-TRADE SHIPS.		
<i>Sailing—</i>		
Not exceeding 300 tons	1 (a)	...
Over 300 tons	1	1
<i>Steamships—</i>		
Not exceeding 150 tons	1 (a)	...
Over 150 tons but not exceeding 1,000 tons	1	1
Over 1,000 tons	1	2
(ii) LIMITED COAST-TRADE SHIPS.		
Not exceeding 100 tons, running beyond 50 miles from port of departure	1 (a)	..
Over 100 but not exceeding 300 tons	1 (a) (b)	...
Over 300 tons	1 (b)	1
(iii) RIVER AND BAY SHIPS.		
Over 50 tons, running more than 20 miles from place of departure ..	1 (b)	...

(a) First or only mate.
 (b) Holder of a second mate's foreign-going certificate may ship as first mate of a limited coast-trade ship, or as mate of a river and bay ship (see section 12 (3)).

(2.) SCALE OF ENGINE-ROOM OFFICERS AND GREASERS.

Every British steam-ship registered in Australia or engaged in the coasting trade (other than a limited coast-trade or river and bay ship of less than fifteen tons gross registered tonnage) shall be provided with duly certificated engine-room officers and with greasers according to the following scale :—

Nominal Horse-power of Engines.	Minimum number of duly certificated Engineers holding Certificates not lower than—					Minimum number of Engineers (certificated and non-certificated), Single Screw.	Additional Engineers (not necessarily certificated) for Steamships having more than one Screw.	Greasers.
	First Class Engineer.	Second Class Engineer.	First Class Coast Engineer.	Second Class Coast Engineer.	Third Class Coast Engineer.			
(i) RIVER AND BAY STEAM-SHIPS UNDER 100 N.H.P.								
Under 85	1	1	..	(a)
85 and under 100	1	1	...	1
(ii) RIVER AND BAY STEAM-SHIPS 100 N.H.P. AND OVER. Running under 20 Miles from Place of Departure.								
100 and under 200	1	...	...	1	...	1
200 and over	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Running 20 Miles and over from Place of Departure.								
100 and under 200	1	1	...	...	2	...	(b)
200 and over	1	1	...	...	2	...	2
(iii) LIMITED COAST-TRADE STEAM-SHIPS. Running under 100 Miles from Place of Departure.								
Under 40	1	1	...	..
40 and under 55	1	...	1	...	...
55 " 85	1	...	2	...	...
85 " 100	1	...	...	...	2	...	...
100 " 200	1	1	...	...	2	...	(b)
200 and over	1	1	...	...	3	...	2
Running 100 Miles and over from Place of Departure.								
Under 55	1	...	1	...	...
55 and under 85	1	...	2	...	...
85 and over	2	...	...
According to the scale prescribed for Australian-trade and Foreign-going steam-ships.								
(iv) AUSTRALIAN-TRADE AND FOREIGN-GOING STEAM-SHIPS.								
Under 50	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
50 and under 100	1	...	...	...	2 (c)	...	...
100 " 170	1	1	...	...	3	...	1
170 " 200	1	1	...	...	4	...	1
200 " 250	1	2	...	...	4	1	2
250 " 300	1	2	...	...	4	1	3
300 " 400	2	2	...	...	5	2	3 (d)
400 and over	As prescribed.			...	...	...	...

(a) If over 55 N.H.P., one greaser.
 (b) Passenger steam-ships of this class to carry one greaser in addition to two engineers.
 (c) If running over 400 miles, one engineer additional (not necessarily certificated).
 (d) If more than one screw, three greasers additional.

N.H.P. (nominal horse-power) to be calculated as follows :—

(a) *Reciprocating Engines*.—The sum of the squares of the diameters in inches of all the engine-room steam cylinders + 30 = N.H.P.

(b) *Rotary Engines*.—Grate area in square feet x 1½ = N.H.P."

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Amendment agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

Schedule I., part (1.), paragraph (iii.) (RIVER AND BAY SHIPS), after "departure" insert "or certificated to carry more than 500 passengers".

Amendment No. 177, viz. :—

No. 177.—Pages 102 to 104, Schedule II., omit the Schedule and insert the following new Schedule :—

"SCHEDULE II.

Section 41.

SCALE OF CREW.

NOTE.—*This Schedule does not apply to river and bay ships.*

STEAM-SHIPS.

FIREMEN AND TRIMMERS.

The number of firemen and trimmers required for steam-ships fired with coal shall be in the proportion of at least one fireman or trimmer for every three and a half tons of coal consumed per diem. Provided that in the case of any particular ship the Minister may, after reference to the Marine Council, specify a greater or less number of firemen and trimmers to be required. The amount of coal consumed per diem to be ascertained by such means as are prescribed.

Provided that out of the total number of persons carried in any such steam-ship rated as firemen or trimmers, one-half at least of such total number shall be firemen; and that no sea-going steam-ship running more than one hundred miles shall in any case carry less than three firemen and that no other sea-going steam-ship shall in any case carry less than two firemen.

In regard to any class of ships not provided for in the above scale, the number of firemen and trimmers to be employed shall be such as the Minister may require in each case, and the Minister may prescribe in reference to any particular class of ships what hands other than firemen and trimmers (rated as such) shall be carried in lieu of the latter.

GREASERS.

The minimum number of greasers to be carried on steam-ships shall be as provided in Schedule I. in the last column of the Engine-room Manning Scale.

SEAMEN.

(Passenger Steam-ships carrying not more than Ten Passengers. and Cargo Steam-ships.)

Under 15 tons net register	...	...	...	...	Not less than one able seaman.
15 and under	50 tons net register	...	...	...	Not less than two able seamen and one apprentice or boy.
50 "	100 " "	...	...	...	Not less than two able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and one apprentice or boy.
100 "	200 " "	...	...	...	Not less than four able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
200 "	400 " "	...	...	...	Not less than five able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
400 "	600 " "	...	...	...	Not less than six able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
600 "	1,000 " "	...	...	...	Not less than seven able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
1,000 "	1,500 " "	...	...	...	Not less than eight able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
1,500 "	2,000 " "	...	...	...	Not less than nine able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.

One able seaman extra for every additional 500 tons or fraction of 500 tons above 2,000 tons net register.

One apprentice or boy extra for every additional 1,000 tons or fraction of 1,000 tons above 2,000 tons net register, but not exceeding four apprentices or boys altogether.

All vessels over 800 tons net register to carry a shipwright in addition to the seamen provided for in the above scale.

SEAMEN.

(Passenger Steam-ships carrying more than ten passengers.)

Under 15 tons gross register	...	...	...	...	Not less than one able seaman.
15 and under	50 tons gross register	...	...	...	Not less than two able seamen and one apprentice or boy.
50 "	100 " "	...	...	...	Not less than two able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and one apprentice or boy.
100 "	200 " "	...	...	...	Not less than four able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
200 "	400 " "	...	...	...	Not less than five able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
400 "	600 " "	...	...	...	Not less than six able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
600 "	1,000 " "	...	...	...	Not less than seven able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
1,000 "	1,500 " "	...	...	...	Not less than eight able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
1,500 "	2,000 " "	Not less than nine able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.

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One able seaman extra for every additional 500 tons or fraction of 500 tons above 2,000 tons gross register.

One apprentice or boy extra for every additional 1,000 tons or fraction of 1,000 tons above 3,000 tons gross register, but not exceeding six apprentices or boys altogether.

All vessels over 800 tons gross register to carry a shipwright in addition to the seamen provided for in the above scale.

SAILING SHIPS.

SEAMEN.

15 and under	50 tons net register	Not less than one able seaman and one ordinary seaman.
50	" "	Not less than two able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
100	" "	Not less than three able seamen, one ordinary seaman, and one apprentice or boy.
200	" "	Not less than four able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and one apprentice or boy.
300	" "	Not less than five able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and one apprentice or boy.
400	" "	Not less than six able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and one apprentice or boy.
600	" "	Not less than seven able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and two apprentices or boys.
800	" "	Not less than eight able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and three apprentices or boys.
1,000	" "	Not less than ten able seamen, two ordinary seamen, and four apprentices or boys.

Two able seamen extra for every 500 tons or fraction of 500 tons that the vessel is above 1,500 tons net register.

All vessels over 600 tons net register to carry a shipwright in addition to the seamen provided for in the above scale."

Amendment agreed to with the following amendments, viz. :—

Schedule II., after paragraph headed "GREASERS" insert the following new paragraph :—
"COOKS.

"Steam-ships carrying 25 or more persons, including passengers and crew .. Not less than one certificated cook and one assistant cook for each galley in use."

Schedule II., in scale of seamen for passenger steam-ships carrying not more than ten passengers and cargo steam-ships, second last paragraph, before "apprentices" leave out "four" and insert "two".

Schedule II., in scale of seamen for passenger steam-ships carrying more than ten passengers, second last paragraph, before "apprentices" leave out "six" and insert "three".

Amendment No. 9—

Amendment of the Senate to the amendment debated.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the amendment of the Senate be disagreed to, and that the following consequential amendment be made in the amendment of the House of Representatives :—

Line 3, omit "which is part".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the amendment of the House of Representatives—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 12.

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| Mr. Carr | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Chanter | Mr. O'Malley |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Page |
| Mr. Cook | Sir John Quick |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Roberts |
| Mr. Fisher | Mr. Ryrie |
| Mr. Frank J. Foster | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Fuller | Mr. Thomas |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Jensen | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Mahon | Mr. Finlayson |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. W. Elliot Johnson |
| Mr. McWilliams | |

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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Bennett | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Cann | Mr. West |
| Mr. W. J. Johnson | |
| Mr. Mathews | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Ozanne | Mr. Caits |
| Mr. Riley | Mr. Watkins |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, amendment of the Senate agreed to.

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On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the remaining amendments were dealt with as follows :—

Amendment No. 21—

Consequential amendment made by the Senate agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 28, 56, 72—

Amendments of the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 86—

After debate, consequential amendment made by the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 112—

Amendments of the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 113—

Amendment and consequential amendment made by the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 123—

Amendment of the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 128—

The following amendment was made to the amendment of the Senate :—

Line 2, omit "members of the crew shall", insert "every seaman and apprentice shall—
where no library for their special use is provided—".

And the amendment, as so amended, was agreed to.

Amendment No. 156—

Consequential amendment made by the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 158—

Amendments of the Senate agreed to.

Amendment No. 171—

Consequential amendment made by the Senate agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 176, 177—

Amendments of the Senate agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. R. Edwards*, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hans Irvine*, and Sir William Lyne.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.