

No. 44.

New Zealand, No. 149.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st May, 1912.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, three copies of an Order of His Majesty in Council issued on the 14th instant, on the subject of light dues.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosure.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of May, 1912. Present: The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 5, subsection (2), of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, it is enacted that the scale and rules set out in the Second Schedule to that Act shall have effect for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of that Act, but His Majesty may, by Order in Council, alter, either generally or with respect to particular classes of cases, the scale or rules and the exemptions therefrom:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 10th day of August, 1903, His late Majesty was pleased to alter the said scale as from the 1st day of April, 1903, by reducing each of the dues authorized to be levied by 12½ per centum of the amounts specified by the said scale:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 1st day of December, 1906, His late Majesty was pleased further to alter the said scale as from the 1st day of April, 1907, by reducing each of the dues authorized to be levied by the said scale for a period of three years from the last-mentioned date by 7½ per centum beyond the reduction of 12½ per centum provided for by the said Order in Council of the 10th day of August, 1903:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, His late Majesty was pleased to alter the scale and rules set out in the said Second Schedule to the said Act in manner following, that is to say,—

“1. Each of the dues authorized to be levied by the said scale shall, for a period of three years from the date of coming into operation of this Order, be subject to a reduction of 17½ per centum beyond the reduction of 12½ per centum provided for by the said Order in Council of the 10th day of August, 1903, and the said dues as so reduced by the said Order in Council of the 10th day of August, 1903, and by this Order shall be levied and the said rules construed accordingly.

“2. This Order in Council shall come into operation as and from the 1st day of April, 1909, and as and from the coming into operation of this Order the recited Order in Council dated the 1st day of December, 1906, shall be repealed.”

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the provision of the said Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, should be continued for a period of three years from the expiration thereof:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers so vested in him by the above-recited provisions, and by and with the advice of his Privy Council, doth by this Order in Council order, and it is hereby ordered, that the dues authorized to be levied by the said scale in the said Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, mentioned shall, subject to the reductions therein mentioned, be levied for a period of three years from the date of coming into operation of this Order, and the said rules construed accordingly.

This Order in Council shall come into operation as from the 1st day of April, 1912.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

No. 45.

New Zealand, No. 152.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 21st May, 1912.

With reference to my despatch, No. 109, of the 12th April, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a print of a despatch from the Governor of South Australia, with a statement by the Solicitor to Industry of that State, on the subject of the legislation of South Australia relating to workmen's compensation.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.

Enclosure.

No. 18.

The SECRETARY OF STATE to the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Government House, Adelaide, 3rd April, 1912.

With reference to your despatch, No. 77, of 25th August, 1911, and further despatches, No. 1, of 4th January, 1912, and No. 10, of 18th January, 1912, my Ministers ask me to transmit to you a copy of the remarks of the Solicitor to Industry on the subject of workmen's compensation.

2. For ease of reference I also attach three copies of a recent Workmen's Compensation Act that was passed in this State.

I have, &c.,

DAY H. BOSANQUET,

Governor.