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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
8th October, 1903.*

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

COASTWISE TRADE.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Coastwise trade by ships of certain foreign countries.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Prohibition or Restriction of Coasting Trade in New Zealand by Ships of certain Countries. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is “The Coastwise Trade Act, 1903”; and it shall not come into operation unless and until the Governor notifies by Proclamation that it is His Majesty’s pleasure not to disallow the same, and thereafter it shall come into operation upon such a day as the Governor notifies by the same or any other Proclamation. Short Title.

2. (1.) If it appears to the Governor that British ships are subject in any foreign country to any prohibition or restriction as to the carrying of passengers or goods coastwise in that country, he may, by Order in Council, so far as treaty obligations entered into by His Majesty permit, impose such prohibitions or restrictions upon the ships of that country as to carrying passengers or goods coastwise in New Zealand, or carrying goods from any port in New Zealand to any port in any other part of the British possessions where laws similar to this Act exist, as appear to him justly to countervail the disadvantages to which British ships are subject as aforesaid. Coastwise trade by ships of certain foreign countries.

(2.) On the arrival at any port in New Zealand of any ship of the country to which the Order relates, a copy of such Order, together with a copy of this Act, shall be delivered by the Collector of Customs to the master.

(3.) If the master does any act in contravention of such Order the ship shall be forfeited and shall be disposed of as directed by the Minister of Marine, and the proceeds of such forfeiture shall be paid into the Public Account, and shall form part of the Consolidated Fund.