

Act No. 52, 1899.

An Act to amend the law relating to Wharfage
and Tonnage Rates. [29th December, 1899.]

TONNAGE RATES
(AMENDMENT).
—

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) It shall be lawful to levy a rate of one farthing per ton Tonnage rates. on every vessel fully laden discharging the whole of her inward cargo at any

Tonnage Rates (Amendment).

any public wharf or private sufferance wharf for every day or part of a day that such vessel occupies a berth at any such wharf, and a rate of one half-penny per ton on every such vessel discharging a portion only of her inward cargo, and on every vessel partly laden discharging the whole or a portion of her inward cargo at any such wharf for every day or part of a day that any such vessel occupies a berth at any such wharf.

Free lay days.

(2) Such rates shall not be leviable until after the expiration of the respective periods specified in the Third Schedule to the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880: Provided that in the case of any vessel fully laden discharging a portion only of her inward cargo, and in the case of a vessel partly laden discharging the whole or a portion of her inward cargo at any such wharf, the number of free lay days to be allowed shall bear the same proportion to the number of free lay days which would be allowed if the vessel were fully laden and discharged the whole of her inward cargo at any such wharf as the quantity of cargo discharged at any such wharf as aforesaid bears to the gross registered tonnage where the vessel is a steam-vessel and to fifteenths of the net registered tonnage where the vessel is a sailing vessel.

Tonnage how calculated.

2. In estimating the registered tonnage of any vessel for the purposes of the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880 or this Act, the same shall be ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Schedules thereto, and any enactments amending the same.

In the case of steam-vessels the gross tonnage measurement shall be deemed to be the tonnage of such vessels for the purpose of ascertaining the tonnage rates leviable under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880 and this Act.

The latest publication of Lloyd's Register shall be prima facie evidence of the net and gross tonnage of all vessels mentioned therein.

Repeal.

3. Sections six and eleven and the proviso to section three so far as it refers to goods from the Pacific Islands of the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880 are hereby repealed.

Short title and incorporation.

4. This Act shall be construed as one with the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880 and the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act Amendment Act, 1882, and may be cited as the "Tonnage Rates (Amendment) Act, 1899."