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Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

COASTWISE TRADE.

ANALYSIS.

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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  
5 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  
10 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  
15 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  
20 port in any other part of the British possessions *where laws similar  
to this Act exist*, as appear to him justly to countervail the disadvan-  
tages to which British ships are subject as aforesaid. Coastwise trade by  
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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  
25 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  
30 into the Public Account, and shall form part of the Consolidated  
Fund.