

Hon. Mr. Pitt.

SALE OF EXPLOSIVES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for regulating the Sale of Explosives.

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 Sale of Explosives Act, 1906"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Explosives Act, 1882" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

2. (1.) Every sale of explosives shall, at the time of sale and before delivery, be entered by the person who sells the same, or by his assistant, in a book to be kept (in the prescribed form) for that purpose, together with the date of sale, the quantity and description of explosive sold, and the name, address, and occupation of the purchaser.

(2.) No explosive shall be sold or delivered unless the package in which it is contained is distinctly marked on the outside with the word "explosive," and with the name and address of the seller.

(3.) No person shall sell any explosive to any person who is apparently under eighteen years of age, or who is unknown to the seller, unless the sale is made in the presence of some witness who is known to the vendor and to whom the purchaser is known, and unless such witness and such purchaser, before delivery of the explosive to the purchaser, sign their names and their respective places of abode to the entry in the book hereby required to be kept.

(4.) Every person who actually sells or delivers any explosive contrary to this Act, and every person on whose behalf such sale is made, shall severally be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(5.) This section shall apply only to such explosives as are from time to time declared by the Governor, by Order in Council gazetted, to be explosives within the meaning of this section.

Regulations.

3. Section seventeen of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By repealing paragraph (1) thereof, and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—

“(1.) For the issue, transfer, and determination of licenses issued under sections four and thirteen hereof.” 5

(b.) By adding thereto the following paragraphs:—

“(7A.) Providing for the licensing of carriers of explosives and of lighters, and prohibiting the carriage of explosives by unlicensed persons or in unlicensed lighters: 10

“(7B.) Providing for the licensing of dealers in explosives or any specified kind of explosive, and prohibiting the sale of explosives or any specified kind of explosive by unlicensed persons: 15

“(7C.) Fixing a scale of fees payable under the principal Act or the regulations: 15

“(7D.) Prescribing the form of book to be kept for entering particulars of sales of explosives, and providing for the inspection of such book and the entries therein by any constable: 20

“(7E.) Prescribing the mode of marking packages of explosives.”

Administration of Act.

4. Section two of “The Explosives Act Amendment Act, 1897,” is hereby amended by repealing the words “Minister of Defence,” and substituting in lieu thereof the words “Minister of Customs.” 25