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WATER-CARRIED GOODS AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Purpose of remedying the Anomaly of the State running Railways with Costly Permanent-ways, whilst allowing Private Companies to unfairly compete with the State with Vessels running on Waterways costing Nothing.

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

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| <p>10</p> <p>15</p> <p>20</p> <p>25</p> | <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Water-carried Goods and Passenger Traffic Act, 1912.</p> <p>2. From the date of the passing of this Act into law the business of carrying goods or passengers by water within the Dominion shall be the sole monopoly of the State.</p> <p>3. Ocean-going vessels trading to New Zealand shall not carry goods shipped at any port in the Dominion to another port in the Dominion.</p> <p>4. Ocean-going vessels may carry goods to any number of ports in the Dominion :
Provided that the goods have not been landed at any port in the Dominion previously, and are <i>bona fide</i> goods from over the seas.</p> <p>5. The penalty for carrying goods between ports by any privately owned vessel after the passing into law of this Act shall be <i>one thousand</i> pounds for each offence.</p> <p>6. After the passing into law of this Act, no privately owned vessel shall carry goods or passengers (save and excepting privately owned launches or sailing-vessels carrying friends of or goods</p> | <p>Title.</p> <p>Short Title.</p> <p>State control.</p> <p>Coastal trade by ocean steamers illegal.</p> <p>Direct carriage of goods.</p> <p>Penalty.</p> <p>Penalty for privately owned vessel carrying goods or passengers.</p> |
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belonging to the owner of such launch or sailing-vessel) of any kind, under the minimum penalty provided in section *five* hereof.

Valuation of vessels and payment of those taken over by Government.

7. On the passing into law of this Act, the Minister of Marine shall notify the owners of inter-coastal steamers or sailing-vessels of any kind whatsoever, including ferry-vessels and vessels of any kind used within harbour or river limits, that the valuation of such vessels shall be arrived at by the ordinary course of commercial arbitration, and when such valuation is arrived at, which shall be at a period of not more than *six* months from the date of the appointment of the arbitrators, thirty-six-year debentures, bearing interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable only within the Dominion of New Zealand, shall be given to the owners of vessels to the amount or amounts which have been arrived at as the valuation of the vessels, under the conditions of valuation as described herein. 5 10

Vessels taken over by Government to be in active commission six months prior to passing of Act.

8. Vessels taken over by the State under the conditions of section *six* hereof shall have been in use as cargo or passenger-carrying vessels for at least six months prior to the passing into law of this Act. 15

Fares and freights.

9. The fares and freights charged by the State for the carrying of passengers or goods shall be the same as that charged by the person or persons who previously owned the vessel or vessels for at least two years from the date of the State taking over such vessels, but the Minister of Marine may at his discretion vary the passenger or freight rate, if that rate appears to the Minister as exorbitant or unjust. 20 25

Discretionary powers of Minister of Marine as to taking over vessels.

10. The Minister of Marine shall take over on behalf of the State only such vessels as are, in his discretion, deemed necessary for the carrying-on of the water traffic. 15

Traffic services to be provided.

11. The Minister of Marine shall arrange such services as may be necessary to provide for water-carried freight and passenger traffic. 30