

(Mr. Rolleston.)

Width of Tires.

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A BILL INTITULED

The Canterbury Width of Tires Act, 1873. Title.

WHEREAS great damage is caused to the roads in the Province of Canterbury by the carrying of heavy weights on vehicles with narrow wheels, and it is desirable to make provision for regulating the width of the tires or felloes of the wheels of such vehicles : Preamble.

5 BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be “The Canterbury Width of Tires Act, 1873.” Short Title.

10 2. Upon and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, both or all the wheels of every cart dray wain waggon or other such carriage which shall be drawn by four or more horses shall be not less than five inches wide in the tire; and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be Drays, &c., drawn by four or more horses to have five-inch tires.

15 liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

3. It shall be lawful for any Road Board, constituted under or by virtue of any Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Canterbury, or for any person acting under the authority of any such Board, or any policeman or constable, to measure the breadth of the Road Boards, &c., authorized to examine.

20 wheels of any cart dray wain or waggon or other carriage affected by the second section of this Act; and every owner or driver of any such cart dray wain or waggon or other carriage after such measuring and examination shall have been lawfully required refusing to permit the same, or turning or driving out of the road in order to evade or avoid

25 the same, or in any way hindering or obstructing the same, shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of five pounds.

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4. Nothing herein contained shall apply to any cart upon springs used exclusively for carrying passengers or other persons and their luggage, or for the carriage of Her Majesty's mails, or to the conveyance of any piece of heavy machinery which cannot be taken apart without great expense or loss.

5. All wheels which shall not be less than five inches wide shall be cylindrical, that is to say, of the same diameter on the inside next the carriage as on the outside, so that when such wheels shall move on a flat or level surface the whole breadth of the wheel shall bear equally on such surface, and the parts of every axletree which shall be inserted into the naves of such wheels shall be horizontal, that is to say, that the part of the axletree inserted in one wheel shall not form an angle with that part of the axletree which shall be inserted in the opposite wheel.

6. Every vehicle carrying or constructed to carry goods or merchandise of any kind whatever, and every vehicle carrying passengers for hire, in actual use on any road, shall have the Christian and surname and place of abode of the owner thereof painted on some conspicuous part on the off side thereof in white letters on a black ground, such letters not being less than two inches in length and of a proportionate breadth; and the owner of any such vehicle who shall neglect to have such name and abode painted as aforesaid, or who shall have the same so painted incorrectly, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum of not less than five shillings nor more than five pounds: Provided that for every day that any such vehicle shall continue to be used as aforesaid, and to have the name and abode unpainted, or incorrectly painted, as aforesaid, the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed a fresh offence.

7. Every offence by this Act made punishable by a pecuniary penalty shall and may be prosecuted in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace in the manner provided by "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1866," so far as the same relates to summary conviction, or by any Act repealing or amending the same, or for like purpose.