

RECOGNITION OF MARINE ENGINEERS' CERTIFICATES.

Section 51. For the purposes of section forty-nine hereof—

- (a) The holder of a first-class engineer's certificate issued under the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be the holder of an extra-first-class certificate under the said section :
- (b) The holder of a second-class or third-class engineer's certificate issued under the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be the holder of a first-class certificate under the said section :
- (c) The holder of a river engineer's certificate issued under the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be the holder of a second-class certificate under the said section.

PROVISION FOR GOLD-DREDGES.

Section 52. Where a gold-dredge is worked in shifts there shall be a person in general charge of the engine who is the holder of a certificate as required by this Act, and every other person in charge during any shift shall be the holder of a second-class certificate, or one of a superior grade.

STEAM TURBINE STATIONARY ENGINES.

Section 54. The class of engine-driver required to be in charge of a steam turbine stationary engine shall be determined by reference to the horse-power of the boilers used for supplying steam for such engine, as follows :—

- (a) If the aggregate horse-power is fifteen horse-power or under, no certificated engine-driver shall be required ;
- (b) If the aggregate horse-power is over fifteen and under twenty-five horse-power, than an engine-driver holding a certificate not lower than second class shall be in charge ; and
- (c) If the aggregate horse-power is twenty-five horse-power or over, then a first-class engine-driver shall be in charge.

ENGINE-DRIVER TO BE IN EFFECTIVE CHARGE.

Section 55. (1) Where an engine and boiler of over fifteen horse-power are in charge of a certificated engine-driver, he shall at all times be in effective charge thereof while the machinery is running or steam is being taken from the boiler for any purpose.

(2) Every such engine-driver who while in charge of an engine and boiler absents himself from his charge in breach of the provisions of this section, and every owner of an engine and boiler who requires him to so absent himself, commits an offence.

DRIVER REQUIRED WHEN CRANK-SHAFTS COUPLED.

Section 57. Where the crank-shafts of two or more steam-engines working side by side are coupled up to form one driving-power, or where two or more steam-engines are working side by side and driving a mutual shaft by means of belting or gearing, the class of engine-driver to be in charge of such engines shall be determined with reference to the combined circular-inch area of the cylinders of such engines.

CERTAIN MAIMED PERSONS NOT TO ACT AS ENGINE-DRIVERS.

Section 58. (1) No person who has suffered the loss of a hand or foot shall act as the driver of a locomotive steam-engine, or winding-engine.

(2) Every person who acts as the driver of any such engine in breach of the provisions of this section is liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds for every day on which he so acts, and every person who employs him so to act is liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds for every day during which such employment continues.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE TO RANK EQUALLY WITH CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.

Section 60. Every valid and subsisting certificate of service granted under any enactment heretofore in force relating to the granting of certificates of service shall for all purposes rank equally with a certificate of competency of a corresponding class, and the holder thereof shall be entitled to the same rate of wages as the holder of a certificate of competency of a corresponding class.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Section 61. (1) All examinations for engine - drivers under the Mining Act, 1926, the Coal-mines Act, 1925, or this Act shall be conducted under the general direction of a Board of Examiners consisting of the Chief Inspector of Machinery and the Inspecting Engineer of the Mines Department.

(2) The Board constituted under the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1908, shall be deemed to be the Board under this Act.

(3) The Minister may from time to time appoint any fit person to be a member of the Board ; but any person so appointed shall act only while the Chief Inspector of Machinery or the Inspecting Engineer of the Mines Department is absent from Wellington, or is unable to attend the meeting of the Board, and the fact of any person so appointed acting as a member of the Board is sufficient evidence of his authority so to do.

(4) The Minister shall from time to time appoint one of the members of the Board to be its Chairman, and a fit person may also be appointed to be Secretary to the Board.

CERTIFICATES FROM BEYOND NEW ZEALAND RECOGNIZED.

Section 62. On payment of the prescribed fee the Secretary may, without examination, grant any certificate required by this Act to any person of good repute who satisfies the Board that he is the holder of a corresponding certificate of equal status granted after examination by any duly constituted and recognized authority outside New Zealand.