

1914-15.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1° 26th August, 1915.

(Brought in by the Postmaster-General, the Honorable W. G. Spence.)

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1913*.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

5 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1915*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1913* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1915*.

10 2. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation. Commencement.

3. Part I. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended—

15 (a) by inserting after the words "On all newspapers" the words "printed and published in Australia at intervals of not more than seven days"; Newspapers.

(b) by omitting the words "twenty ounces" and inserting in their stead the words "ten ounces"; and

20 (c) by omitting the words "ten ounces" (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "five ounces".

4. Part II. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the second column thereof the rate of postage contained therein on "Books printed outside Australia, except as prescribed" and inserting in its stead the following rate:—
25 "½d. per 2 ounces or part of 2 ounces". Books printed outside Australia.

Books printed in Australia.

5. Part II. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the second column thereof the rate of postage contained therein on "Books printed in Australia, except as prescribed" and inserting in its stead the following rate:—"½d. per 4 ounces or part of 4 ounces".

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Magazines.

6. Part II. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of the definition of magazines, after the word "intervals", the words "(except in the case of school magazines)";

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(b) by omitting from the rate of postage shown opposite paragraph (a) of the definition of magazines, the words "8 ounces" (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "4 ounces"; and

(c) by omitting from the rate of postage shown opposite paragraph (b) of the definition of magazines the words "4 ounces" (wherever occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "2 ounces".

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Amendment of Part II. of First Schedule.

7. Part II. of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of and rates of postage for "Catalogues" and inserting in their stead the following definition and rates of postage:—

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"CATALOGUES—that is to say, lists of articles, with or without the addition of illustrations and of brief particulars, descriptive or aiding identification, indicative of locality, position, date, price or the like, wholly set up and printed in Australia, except as prescribed—

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(a) Where the catalogue does not exceed 2 ounces in weight ½d. per 2 ounces or part of 2 ounces.

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(b) In all other cases For each catalogue ½d. per 4 ounces or part of 4 ounces.'

8. Part I. of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Part is inserted in its stead:—

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"PART I.—ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

Town and Suburban within prescribed limits, or within fifteen miles from the sending station.

Other places within the Commonwealth, except Town and Suburban.

Including address and signature, ½d. per word, with a minimum charge of Sixpence.

Including address and signature, 1d. per word, with a minimum charge of One shilling.

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Double the foregoing rates to be charged for the transmission of telegrams on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday; for 'urgent' telegrams; and for telegrams sent after hours as prescribed.

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The foregoing rates are exclusive of portorage charges."

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9. Part III. of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following words :—

Amendment of
Part III. of
Second
Schedule.

- 5 “Double the foregoing rates to be charged for the transmission of letter telegrams handed in on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday within the prescribed hours.”

10. After Part III. of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act the following Part is added :—

Amendment of
Second
Schedule—Code
or Cipher
Telegrams.

“PART IV.—OTHER TELEGRAMS.

- 10 For each class of other telegrams, such as code or cipher telegrams, such rates as are prescribed.”

