

415.—(1) If any person before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three served as a skipper or before the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight served as a second hand in fishing boats, being trawlers of twenty-five tons tonnage and upwards or such other fishing boats as the Board of Trade consider will have afforded that person sufficient experience, for a period amounting in all to not less than twelve months, that person shall be entitled to a certificate of service as skipper or second hand, as the case may be, of a fishing boat, limited, if he has been exclusively employed in a particular class of such fishing boats, to that particular class.

(2) If a person proves to the Board of Trade that he has served as required by this section and has been generally well conducted on board the boats in which he has served, the Board of Trade shall deliver a certificate of service to him.

(3) The certificate of service shall differ in form from a certificate of competency, and shall contain particulars of the name, place, and date of birth of the holder, and of the length and nature of his previous service.

(4) This Act shall apply to a certificate of service so granted and to the holder thereof in like manner as it applies to a certificate of competency granted under this Part of this Act and to the holder thereof.

416.—(1) The Board of Trade may cause a register of certificated skippers and second hands to be kept in such form and by such person, and containing such particulars, as the Board direct.

(2) Such register shall be admissible in evidence in manner provided by this Act, and the absence of an entry in the register of any person or matter shall be evidence of the non-registration of such person or matter, and if the question is whether the person has been certificated as a skipper or second hand, of his not being so certificated.

And whereas by section 81 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, it is provided as follows:—

81.—(1) Sections four hundred and thirteen to four hundred and sixteen of the principal Act (which relate to certificates of skippers and second hands on trawlers) shall apply to fishing boats being trawlers of twenty-five tons tonnage and upwards going to sea from any port of Scotland in like manner as they apply to such fishing boats going to sea from any port of England or Ireland, except that in section four hundred and fifteen the date of the commencement of this Act shall be substituted for the dates mentioned in that section, and Part IV. of the principal Act shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The sections aforesaid as hereby applied to Scotland shall, notwithstanding anything contained in Part IV. of the principal Act, be deemed to be portions or provisions of Part IV. referred to in section three hundred and sixty-nine of the principal Act (conferring power on the Board of Trade to make exempting or extending orders), and that section (with the substitution of the Edinburgh Gazette for the London Gazette) and Part IV. shall be construed accordingly: Provided that any Order to be published in the Edinburgh Gazette under that section shall be subject to the consent of the Secretary for Scotland.

And whereas it is desirable to extend the provisions of the above recited sections to fishing boats, being liners, and drifters of 50 tons gross tonnage and upwards, propelled by steam or other mechanical power.

Now therefore the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the power in them vested by the above recited provisions and of every other power thereunto them enabling do order and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions contained in the above recited sections 413, 414, 415 and 416 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, as amended by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, be as from the 1st day of July, 1910, extended and applied to all fishing boats being liners and drifters of 50 tons gross tonnage and upwards propelled by steam or other mechanical power subject to the exemption following that is to say:—as from the said date the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 413 and the penal provisions contained in the above mentioned sections shall not apply to such fishing boats as regards the skipper, nor shall they apply to such fishing boats as regards the second hand if such skipper and/or second hand is validly in possession of an authority issued by the Board of Trade authorizing them to act as skipper or second hand respectively of fishing boats being liners or drifters of 50 tons gross tonnage and upwards propelled by steam or other mechanical power.

H. Llewellyn Smith, Secretary.

Walter J. Howell, Assistant Secretary.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, December 23, 1909.
H. 16325.*

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the following Quarantine Notice, dated December 17th, issued by the Governor of Malta:—

GOVERNMENT NOTICE. No. 253.

Information having been received that an infectious or contagious disease, dangerous to mankind, to wit, cholera, exists at Taganrog, it is hereby declared that Taganrog is an infected place within the meaning of Article 1 of the Regulations made under the Fourth Sanitary Ordinance, 1908, and published on the 28th August, 1908.

By command,

E. M. MEREWETHER,

Lieutenant-Governor
and Chief Secretary to Government.

Lieut.-Governor's Office,
The Palace, Valletta, December 17, 1909.

Admiralty, 23rd December, 1909.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, hereby give notice that the following situation has been removed from Schedule A of the Order in Council of 4th June, 1870:—

Foreman of Sailmakers in His Majesty's Dockyards.

Admiralty, 21st December, 1909.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Frank Dorrington Bangay has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 8th August, 1908.