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The Health Act, 1898.

E.C. ⁴⁹¹/₁₉₀₀ **Order in Council.**

*At the Executive Council Chamber, at Perth, the
2nd day of April, 1900.*

Present :

The Honourables—

The Colonial Treasurer (presiding),
The Commissioner of Railways,
The Minister of Mines,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary.

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BY virtue of the provisions of Section 110 of "The Health Act, 1898," His Excellency the Administrator, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby orders that the provisions contained in Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898," for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force in Western Australia, and does hereby also make the following orders:—

1. That notice shall be given immediately by the occupier of any house, premises, or place wherein there is any infectious or contagious disease, to the Secretary of the Local Board of Health for the District, and if there be no Local Board, then to the Secretary of the Central Board.

2. That entry may be made at all times to houses, buildings, and premises by Medical or other officers of local boards, or the Central Board, for the purpose of carrying out any regulations made by the Central Board, or of inquiring into and ascertaining the presence of such disease.

3. That infected bedding, clothing, and other infected things shall be destroyed or disinfected.

4. That houses, schools, churches, places of assembly or entertainment, and other buildings and premises, shall be cleansed, purified, ventilated, and disinfected by the owners or occupiers thereof, or by medical or other officers of, or persons authorised thereto by the Local Board or the Central Board, at the expense of the owners or occupiers, or where necessary at the public expense.

5. That persons suffering from infectious or contagious diseases shall be removed to a hospital or other place which shall be deemed suitable or convenient by the Central Board, and shall be kept in such place until they are free from infection or contagion.

6. That all persons shall be forbidden and prevented from quitting or entering any house, premises, place, town, or district, which may be declared infected by the Governor in Council or other person or persons authorised by him, in accordance with Section 110 of "The Health Act, 1898," by notice published in accordance with that Section.

7. That the times, methods, and conditions of the burial of the dead shall be such as may be prescribed under any regulation made by the Central Board for this purpose under Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898," and by virtue of this order.

8. That, in order to prevent the introduction and spreading of such diseases as aforesaid, by means of rats—

(a.) In case of ships coming from any place or country where bubonic plague is known or suspected to exist, all rats on such ships shall be immediately destroyed.

(b.) All rats in all stores, warehouses, and other buildings under the control of the Railway, Customs, and Harbours Departments, at the ports of the Colony, shall be destroyed.

- (c.) The Local Boards of Health at all the ports of the Colony shall take the necessary steps to have the rats in the towns at such ports destroyed.
- (d.) Complete precautions shall be taken to prevent rats coming ashore from all ships in any port of the Colony.
- (e.) The bodies of all rats taken, alive or dead, shall be destroyed by fire.
- (f.) An efficient staff shall be appointed to carry out the destruction of rats as aforesaid.
- (g.) A reward shall be offered for the bodies of rats captured at such ports as shall be named in the Regulations framed under this Order.

9. That as a precaution against the breaking out or spreading of such diseases as aforesaid, all ships or vessels coming from, or having touched at any port where bubonic plague is known or suspected to exist, to the satisfaction of the Central Board, or having had communication with any vessel coming from such a port, shall not be allowed to come alongside any wharf, pier, jetty, or other landing place, except as hereinafter provided, but shall lie at the anchorage.

Exception.—Where there is at any port an isolated landing place approved by the Central Board of Health for this purpose, then the ships or vessels aforesaid, and any

boat, flat, or lighter therefrom, may come alongside such isolated landing place, subject to the directions of an officer of the Central Board appointed to supervise and see to the execution of such regulations as shall be made by the Central Board under Section 111 of "The Health Act, 1898," and by virtue of these orders.

10. That all cargo from ships or vessels mentioned in the last preceding order shall be disposed of and dealt with in such manner as the Quarantine Officer at such port may deem necessary; and all cargo consigned to Perth shall be dealt with at Fremantle in the same manner as cargo consigned to that port.

11. That, as a further precaution as aforesaid, the full names and addresses of all employees engaged in working on such ships, vessels, boats, flats, lighters, and isolated landing places be registered, and that such employees be under the surveillance of the Quarantine Officer or Officer of the Central Board.

12. That these orders, made under Section 110 of "The Health Act, 1898," shall continue in force for one month from the date hereof.

The Order in Council dated the 20th day of March, and published in the *Government Gazette* of the 30th March instant, is hereby cancelled.

F. D. NORTH,

Clerk of the Executive Council.