

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The purpose of the Bill is to revise the rates of compensation payable to disabled seamen and dependants of deceased seamen under *The Merchant Seamen Compensation Act*.

1. The present paragraph (h) of section 2 of the Act reads as follows:

“INTERPRETATION”

“(h) ‘Minister’ means the Minister of *Transport*;”

The Act is now administered by the Department of Labour.

2. The present section 7 of the Act reads as follows:

“7. (1) The employer of a seaman injured by reason of an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment shall pay compensation in the manner and to the extent provided by this Act, except where the injury,

(a) does not disable the seaman for a period of at least *seven* days from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed; or

(b) is attributable solely to the serious and wilful misconduct of the seaman unless the injury results in death or serious disablement.

(2) Where compensation for disability is payable, it shall be computed and be payable from the date of the disability.”

The number of days’ disability before compensation is payable is reduced from seven to four.

3. The present subsection 1 of section 30 of the Act reads as follows:

“30. (1) Where death of a seaman results from an injury the following amounts of compensation shall be paid;

(a) the necessary expenses of burial of the seaman not exceeding *one hundred and twenty-five* dollars;

(b) in addition to the sum mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five dollars for necessary expenses for transportation and things supplied and services rendered in connection therewith necessitated by the transfer of the body of a seaman from the place of death to the place of interment;

(c) where the expenses of burial of a seaman are paid by an employer under Part IV of the *Canada Shipping Act, 1934*, following any accident in respect of which compensation is payable under this Act, the amount of such expenses shall be deducted from the amount payable under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection;

(d) where the widow or an invalid husband is the sole dependent, a monthly payment of *forty-five* dollars;