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A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAWS RELATING
TO THE PRINTING AND PUBLICATION OF NEWSPAPERS
AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS, THE REGISTRATION OF
BOOKS AND THE KEEPING OF PRINTING PRESSES.

[23rd December, 1947.]

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Press Law. Short title.
2. (1) In this Law unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.

“book” includes every volume, part or division of a volume, and pamphlet in any language, and every sheet of music, map, chart or plan separately printed or lithographed, but does not include any publication which consists merely of a price list, sale catalogue, annual report, trade circular or trade advertisement ;

“corporate body” means any body of persons incorporated in the Colony under any Law in force for the time being ; 2(a) of 25/51.

“Judge” means a member of a District Court ;

“newspaper” means any paper containing public news, intelligence, reports of occurrences or any remarks, observations or comments in relation to such news, intelligence or occurrences, printed for sale or free distribution, and includes a supplement thereto ;

“printing press” includes every machine and apparatus adapted or apparently intended for reproducing words, pictures or signs on paper, cloth or other similar material and every part of any such machine or apparatus, but shall not include any apparatus intended and used for reproducing plans only or any purely photographic apparatus intended and used for reproducing photographs only or any apparatus intended and used solely for multiplying copies of written or typewritten correspondence or circulars ;

“proprietor” includes the sole proprietor of any newspaper and, in the case of a divided proprietorship, the persons who, as partners or otherwise, represent and are responsible for any share or interest in the newspaper as between themselves and the persons in like manner representing or responsible for the other shares or interests therein, and no other person ;

“supplement” means a publication consisting in whole or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or consisting wholly or in part of illustrations whether reproduced by typography, lithography, photo-gravure or otherwise, and illustrative of articles in the newspaper; the publication in every case being put together in some one part of the newspaper whether affixed to the newspaper or not, and being published with the newspaper, and having the whole of the title of the newspaper printed on every page, or on every sheet or side upon which such illustrations appear.

2(b) of 25/51.

(2) Whenever in this Law any act or thing is to be done by a proprietor or by any person as a proprietor or possessor, such act or thing, when the proprietor or other person is a corporate body, shall be done by a person who satisfies the Administrative Secretary that he is authorized to act for or on behalf of such corporate body under the provisions of the Law under which such body is incorporated and in every other case shall be done by the individual person concerned or, in the case of a divided proprietorship or joint possession, by every co-proprietor or joint possessor.

PART II.

NEWSPAPERS.

Declaration and bond to be furnished before printing or publishing a newspaper.

3(i) of 25/51.

First Schedule.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) hereof, no person shall print or publish or cause to be printed or published any newspaper in the Colony, unless he first furnishes the Administrative Secretary with—

(a) a declaration on oath to be made and subscribed before a Judge in the form contained in the First Schedule to this Law, setting forth the particulars therein set out, made and signed by the person named therein as proprietor of the newspaper to which it relates; and

(b) a bond in the sum of five hundred pounds executed before and certified by a certifying officer appointed under the Certifying Officers Law or any Law amending or substituted for the same, signed by the person named in the statutory declaration as the proprietor and secured to the satisfaction of the Administrative Secretary either by a surety or sureties or by mortgage or deposit of money or other securities

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as the Administrative Secretary may, in any case, direct, conditioned that the proprietor shall pay to Her Majesty every penalty which may be imposed upon, or adjudged against, him upon any conviction for printing or publishing or publishing or causing to be printed or published any seditious or other libel at any time after the execution of the bond and also any damages or compensation and costs on any judgment for the plaintiff in any action for libel against the proprietor and all other penalties whatsoever which may be imposed upon, or adjudged against, him under the provisions of this Law,

and obtains a receipt as in section 4 of this Law provided.

(2) Any person who on the 4th December, 1947, holds a permit in force on such date for the publication of a newspaper granted to him under the provisions of the Newspaper, Books and Printing Presses Laws, 1934 to 1944, may continue publication of the newspaper to which the permit related for a period of twenty-one days from the date of the commencement of this Law, notwithstanding that he has not furnished any declaration in respect of such newspaper.

(3) No person who has entered into and deposited a bond with the Administrative Secretary under the provisions of the Newspaper, Books and Printing Presses Laws, 1934 to 1944, being a bond in force on the 4th December, 1947 (hereinafter referred to as "the first bond"), shall furnish a new bond under the provisions of this Law in respect of the newspaper for which the first bond had been deposited, and the first bond shall be deemed to be a bond furnished under the provisions of this Law, notwithstanding that such bond is in the sum of two hundred pounds only :

Provided that, upon the happening of any of the events set out in section 6 (1) of this Law, the person who had entered into the first bond shall not print or publish or cause to be printed or published the newspaper in respect of which the first bond had been deposited unless and until he shall have furnished the Administrative Secretary with a new bond as in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) hereof provided.

(4) (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, ^{3(ii) of 24/51.} whenever any change occurs in any of the particulars in any declaration, then and in every such case the proprietor or