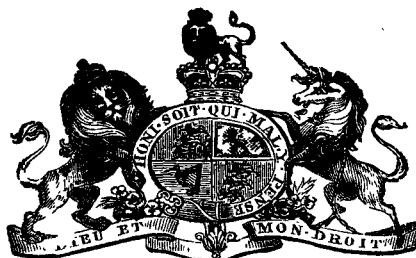


New Zealand.



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1895, No. 74.

AN ACT respecting Reciprocity as to Customs Duties.

Title.

[Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.]

WHEREAS, on the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, the agreement set forth in the Schedule hereto was entered into by and between representatives on behalf of New Zealand and South Australia: And whereas the said agreement is subject to the ratification and approval of the Parliament of New Zealand: And whereas it is expedient to make provision for that purpose: And whereas it is also expedient to make general provision for facilitating and extending the commercial relations between New Zealand and the Australian Colonies:

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Customs Duties Reciprocity Act, 1895."

Short Title.

PART I.

AS TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

2. The agreement set forth in the Schedule hereto is hereby ratified and approved, with the following modifications, that is to say:—

Agreement in Schedule ratified with certain exceptions.

(1.) The agreement shall commence on a date to be fixed by the Governor by Order in Council gazetted, and may be

determined by either of the contracting parties at any time by twelve months' previous notice of intention so to do.

- (2.) Clause three, relating to reduction of existing duties, shall be subject to rescision by three months' previous notice on either side.
- (3.) Clause four, relating to the commencement, duration, and determination of the agreement, and also clause six, relating to refund of duty, shall be deemed to be cancelled.
- (4.) The Schedules of the agreement shall be deemed to be amended as follows: Hops shall be admitted by South Australia duty-free. Wines shall be admitted by New Zealand at a duty of two shillings and sixpence per gallon. Dried fruits shall be admitted by New Zealand duty-free.
- (5.) The agreement shall be deemed to be amended by the omission of the last paragraph.

Duration of this Part of Act.

3. This Part of this Act shall cease to be of any effect on and after a day to be named by the Governor by Order in Council gazetted: Provided that such Order in Council shall not be made until the expiration or determination of the said agreement.

PART II.

AS TO OTHER AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

Reciprocal agreement may be made with any of the Australasian Colonies.

4. The Colonial Treasurer may from time to time, on behalf of New Zealand, enter into any agreement with New South Wales or any other of the Australasian Colonies for the reciprocal admission of all or any of the products and manufactures (other than spirits and tobacco) of one of the contracting parties into the ports and territory of the other, either free from Customs duties, or at such reduced rates as are agreed on.

Duration, and power to rescind.

5. Any such agreement may be entered into for any period not exceeding seven years, subject nevertheless to the right of either of the contracting parties to rescind the same by twelve months' previous notice of intention so to do.

Agreements may be altered.

6. (1.) Any such agreement may at any time, and from time to time during its currency, be altered in such manner and to such extent as, with the consent of the other contracting party, the Colonial Treasurer thinks fit.

(2.) In the event of the federation of any two or more of the Australasian Colonies taking place, any such agreement then in force may be determined at any time by either of the contracting parties by two months' previous notice of intention so to do.

(3.) The provisions of this section shall apply to the agreements set forth in the Schedule hereto.

Agreement to be laid before Parliament.

7. Every agreement made under this Part of this Act shall, within ten days after the making thereof, be laid before both Houses of the General Assembly if Parliament is sitting, and, if not, then within ten days after the commencement of the first ensuing session.

Agreement to be ratified by both Houses and approved by Governor.

8. (1.) Every agreement made under this Part of this Act shall be subject to the condition that it shall not have any force or effect unless and until it is ratified by resolution of both Houses of

the General Assembly, and approved by the Governor, or by Her Majesty if the Governor, having regard to the nature of the agreement, and Her Majesty's treaty obligations with foreign Powers, thinks fit to reserve it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

(2.) A notification by the Governor in the *Gazette* that any such agreement has been duly ratified and approved shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

PART III.

MISCELLANEOUS.

9. The powers by this Act conferred upon the Colonial Treasurer may be exercised by any member of the Executive Council who for the time being is acting for the Colonial Treasurer.

Exercise of
Colonial Treasurer's
powers.

10. So long as this Act continues in operation, all Acts relating to the imposition and collection of Customs duties shall be read subject hereto, and to every agreement for the time being in force hereunder.

Customs Acts to be
read subject to this
Act.

11. For the purpose of giving effect to every such agreement, the Governor by Order in Council gazetted may from time to time declare what duties (if any) are payable on the products and manufactures to which such agreement relates, and such products and manufactures shall be dutiable or exempt from duty accordingly, anything in any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Governor may
declare what duties
payable under any
agreement.

12. The Governor by Order in Council gazetted may from time to time make such regulations and orders, and do such acts and things, as he thinks expedient in order to give full effect to this Act.

Regulations.

13. This Act shall come into operation on a day, or as to any Parts or provisions thereof on the respective days, to be appointed in that behalf by the Governor by Order in Council gazetted:

Act reserved.

Provided that no such Order in Council shall be made unless and until the Governor testifies by Proclamation that Her Majesty has been pleased not to disallow this Act or the Parts or provisions thereof comprised in such Order in Council.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

AGREEMENT, made this 2nd day of February, 1895, between the Honourable Joseph George Ward, Treasurer, acting for the Government of New Zealand, of the one part, and the Honourable Charles Cameron Kingston, Attorney-General, acting for the Government of South Australia, of the other part, whereby it is agreed as follows: that is to say,—(1.) During the term of this agreement South Australia shall admit duty-free the goods referred to in the First Schedule, the produce of New Zealand. (2.) During the term of this agreement New Zealand shall admit duty-free the goods referred to in the Second Schedule, the product of South Australia. (3.) During the term of this agreement neither New Zealand nor South Australia shall reduce the existing duties leviable on the goods referred to in the said Schedules, the produce of any other colony or country. (4.) This agreement to commence on the 1st day of May next ensuing, and to continue for seven years from such date, subject to determination by one year's notice on either side. (5.) Schedule 1—Goods to be admitted duty-free by South Australia: Barley, oats, horses. Schedule 2—Goods to be admitted duty-free by New Zealand: Wine, olive-oil, salt. (6.) For the purpose of giving effect to this agreement until fully authorised by Act, each colony will refund

any duty collected on goods herein agreed to be admitted duty-free. (7.) Either party to have the right to cancel this agreement by notice to the other any time on or before noon of Wednesday, 6th February instant.—J. G. WARD, C. C. KINGSTON.

It is hereby further agreed, subject to confirmation as per original agreement, that the following commodities shall be included in the arrangement for free interchange between New Zealand and South Australia—namely, New Zealand to admit free of duty South-Australian-grown fresh and dried fruits; South Australia to admit free of duty New-Zealand-grown hops. South Australian grapes to be guaranteed free of disease, and in event of disease to be prohibited until free of disease.—For New Zealand, J. G. WARD; for South Australia, J. H. GORDON, Chief Secretary.

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