

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURE,  
IMPORTATION, AND SALE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate and control the Manufacture of certain Agricultural Implements within New Zealand and the Importation of the same Implements from Foreign Countries. Title.

5 BE IT 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 Agricultural Implement Short Title.  
Manufacture, Importation, and Sale Act, 1905."

10 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.  
"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Trade and  
Customs:

"Implements" means the implements, machines, and ap-  
pliances specified in the *Schedule* hereto.

15 3. (1.) As soon as practicable after the passing of this Act the Standard list to be  
compiled.  
Commissioner shall cause to be compiled a statement showing in the  
case of each implement its description, the nature and quality of the  
materials used in its construction, and the price current on the  
passing of this Act.

20 (2.) Such statement shall be published in the *Gazette*.

4. On complaint to the Commissioner by any manufacturer in Complaint of unfair  
competition.  
New Zealand of any implement that the price of any implement on  
importation into New Zealand has been materially reduced, and that  
competition on unfair lines is being carried on by importers of imple-  
25 ments from foreign countries, he shall summon the Board hereinafter  
constituted and refer the matter of such complaint to it for report.

5. (1.) There is hereby constituted a Board called "The Agricultural Board constituted.  
Implement Inquiry Board," consisting of—

30 The President and members of the Arbitration Court ;  
The President for the time being of the Farmers' Union ;  
Some person appointed by the Governor on the recommenda-  
tion of the Trades and Labour Councils ; and

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Some person appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Agricultural and Pastoral Associations.

(2.) The members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall be appointed in the same manner as members of the Arbitration Court (other than the President) are appointed. 5

Inquiry by Board.

6. (1.) The Board on being summoned by the Commissioner shall inquire with as little delay as possible into the matter referred to it in such manner as it thinks fit, and for the purposes of such inquiry shall have and may exercise all the powers that the Arbitration Court has in respect of industrial disputes. 10

(2.) The Board shall report in writing to the Commissioner the result of its inquiry, and shall state whether or not in its opinion the price of any implement imported into New Zealand has been materially reduced below that specified in the statement mentioned in section *three* hereof. 15

(3.) In its report the Board may recommend that a duty or any additional duty, as the case may require, be imposed on the importation of any implement, not exceeding in either case forty per centum on the invoiced value of the implement.

Duty may be imposed or increased.

(4.) The Commissioner on receipt of such report shall lay the same before the Governor, who may, if he thinks fit, by Order in Council gazetted, impose a duty or an additional duty on the importation into New Zealand of any implement not exceeding in either case forty per centum on the value aforesaid. 20

Duty may be imposed if New Zealand manufacturers reduce prices.

7. (1.) If at any time after the passing of this Act the manufacturers of implements in New Zealand agree to reduce the price of the whole of the implements mentioned in the Schedule hereto, or not less than a moiety thereof, to at least twenty per centum below that specified in the statement mentioned in section *three* hereof, and notify the Commissioner of such agreement, he shall summon the Board and refer the matter to it for report. 25 30

(2.) The Board shall in like manner make inquiry into the matter, and report in writing to the Commissioner whether or not in its opinion it is advisable for the protection of the industry in New Zealand that a duty or that an additional duty equal to the amount of such reduction, but not exceeding forty per centum, should be imposed. 35

(3.) The Commissioner, on receipt of such report, shall lay the same before the Governor, who may by Order in Council impose a duty or an additional duty on the importation into New Zealand of any implement not exceeding in either case forty per centum on the invoiced value of the implement. 40

Complaint by importers.

8. (1.) On complaint to the Commissioner by any importer of any implement, or other person interested, that after the gazettement of any such Order the manufacturers in New Zealand have raised the price of any implement beyond that specified in the statement mentioned in section *three* hereof, or that current at the time when such duty or additional duty was imposed, he shall summon the Board and refer the matter of such complaint to it for report. 45

(2.) The Board shall in like manner make inquiry into the matter so referred to it, and report in writing to the Commissioner whether or not in its opinion the price of any implement manufactured in New Zealand has, after the gazettement of any Order in

Council under section *six* hereof, been materially raised, and may in such report recommend that the duty or additional duty imposed by the said Order in Council be abolished or reduced.

5 (3.) The Commissioner on receipt of such last-mentioned report shall lay the same before the Governor, who may by Order in Council abolish or reduce the duty or additional duty as recommended by the Board. Duty may be abolished or reduced.

10 9. For the purposes of this Act implements of British manufacture shall be deemed to be manufactured in New Zealand, and the importers of such implements shall be deemed to be manufacturers thereof in New Zealand. Implements of British manufacture.

10 10. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882," and its amendments. Acts incorporated.

15 11. The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council gazetted make regulations necessary for the carrying out of this Act. Regulations.

1.2 This Act shall continue in operation till the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and six, on which day it shall be deemed to be repealed. Duration of Act.

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### SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

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#### IMPLEMENTS TO WHICH THIS ACT RELATES.

Ploughs of all kinds over 1½ cwt.  
Tine harrows.  
Disc harrows.  
Drills, combined grain, seed and manure, ten coulters and over.  
Drills, combined grain, seed and manure, ten coulters.  
Drills, grain.  
Rollers, land and Cambridge, over 7 cwt.  
Cultivators and grubbers, over 2 cwt.  
Chaff-cutters, 9 in. mouth and over.  
Self-bagging chaff-cutters.  
Seed-cleaners.