

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
30th October, 1905.*

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 two or more Complaint of unfair
competition.
manufacturers in 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
25 importers of implements 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 of the Arbitration Court, who shall be chairman;
The President for the time being of the Farmers’ Union;

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The President of the Industrial Association of Canterbury ;
Some person appointed by the Governor on the recommenda-
tion of the Trades and Labour Councils ; and

Some person appointed by the Governor on the recommenda-
tion of the Agricultural and Pastoral Associations. 5

(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.

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 10
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 Arbitra-
tion Court has in respect of industrial disputes.

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

Duty may be
imposed if New
Zealand
manufacturers
reduce prices.

7. (1.) If at any time after the passing of this Act the manu- 20
facturers 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 25
the Board and refer the matter to it for report.

(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 relief be granted as hereinafter mentioned. 30

Power to grant
bonus.

8. (1.) In any case where the Board recommends that relief be
granted, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner to grant to the
manufacturers of implements in New Zealand such bonus, not
exceeding thirty-three per centum, as he deems necessary to enable
manufacturers to compete with importers of such implements. 35

(2.) The right to such bonus shall be subject to such terms and
conditions as the Governor in Council thinks fit to impose.

Implements of
British manu-
facture.

9. For the purposes of this Act implements of British manu-
facture shall be deemed to be manufactured in New Zealand, and the
importers of such implements shall be deemed to be manufacturers 40
thereof in New Zealand.

Power to refund
duty on certain
materials.

10. (1.) Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the Col-
lector that duty-paid materials have been used in the construction of
any implement he shall refund to the manufacturer of such imple-
ment the amount of duty paid on the materials so used. 45

(2.) For the purposes of this section materials includes such
parts of implements as cannot advantageously be manufactured in
New Zealand.

Acts incorporated.

11. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The
Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882," and its amendments. 50

Regulations.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

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.

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