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Hon. Mr. Hawken.

SEEDS-IMPORTATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Importation of certain Seeds, and in particular to require the Treatment of Imported Seeds so as to distinguish them from New-Zealand-grown Seeds. 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. This Act may be cited as the Seeds-importation Act, 1927, and shall come into force on the first day of *April*, nineteen hundred and Short Title and commencement.
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2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
“ Import ” includes attempting to import or being concerned in importing :

15 “ Minister ” means the Minister of Agriculture :
“ Seed ” means cocksfoot, lucerne, or white-clover seed, or any other seed declared by the Governor-General in Council to be subject to the provisions of this Act.

3. Nothing in this Act shall apply to the importation of any seed where the quantity imported does not exceed *twenty-eight* pounds in Exception to Act.
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4. (1) There may from time to time be appointed such Inspectors as may be required for carrying out the provisions of this Act. Appointment and powers of Inspectors.

(2) An Inspector may at all reasonable times enter upon any premises or ship or into any conveyance on or in which he has reason to believe there are any imported seeds, for the purpose of inspecting such seeds.
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Seed to be treated before importation so as to distinguish it.

5. (1) Save with the consent in writing of the Minister previously obtained, no person shall import any seed into New Zealand unless the contents of each package of the seed have been treated in manner prescribed so as to render the seed distinguishable from seed of the same kind not so treated.

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(2) A certificate that the seed has been treated as aforesaid shall accompany the seed.

Disposal of seed imported in contravention of Act.

6. If any seed is imported contrary to the provisions of this Act it shall be either reshipped from New Zealand or treated or disposed of in such manner as the Minister directs, at the expense in all things of the person importing the seed.

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Offence to sell or have in possession for sale imported seed not treated.

7. Every person who sells in New Zealand or has in his possession for sale any seed imported contrary to the provisions of this Act, knowing in any such case that the same has been so imported, commits an offence and is liable to a fine of *fifty* pounds.

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Regulations.

8. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for any of the following purposes:—

(a) Prescribing the manner in which seeds shall be treated before being imported into New Zealand:

(b) Prescribing the form of the certificate to accompany seeds imported into New Zealand, and the person or persons by whom the certificate shall be signed:

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(c) Providing for the examination of imported seeds at ports of entry and for the issue to importers of permits to land the seeds:

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(d) Prescribing specified ports to be the only ports of entry for seeds:

(e) Prescribing fines not exceeding *twenty* pounds for a breach of any regulation:

(f) Generally for any other matters for which regulations are contemplated or required by this Act or which are deemed to be necessary for the efficient administration thereof.

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(2) All such regulations shall be published in the *Gazette*, and shall within fourteen days after the publication thereof be laid before Parliament if sitting, or, if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

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Governor-General may declare other seeds subject to Act.

9. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, declare the seed of any plant other than those referred to in section *two* hereof to be subject to the provisions of this Act.