

Hon. Mr. Macmillan.

TOMATO-GARDENS REGISTRATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to require the Registration of Tomato-gardens used for the Production of Tomatoes for Commercial Purposes, to provide Moneys for the Development of the Tomato-growing Industry, and to make Provision for Matters incidental thereto.

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 Tomato-gardens Registration Act, 1933, and shall come into force on the first day of *January*, nineteen hundred and *thirty-four*.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture:

“Occupier” means the person by whom or on whose behalf any tomato-garden is actually occupied:

“Tomato-garden” means any land (whether within a glasshouse or not) used for the growing of tomato-plants and the production of tomatoes for commercial purposes. Two or more tomato-

gardens occupied and used as such by the same occupier shall be deemed to be one tomato-garden for the purposes of this Act.

Application of Act.

3. This Act shall apply to every tomato-garden in which on the first day of January in any year there are more than *two hundred and fifty* tomato-plants, but shall not apply to any other tomato-garden. 5

Annual registration of tomato-gardens.

4. (1) Every tomato-garden to which this Act applies in any year is hereby required to be registered for that year in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of regulations thereunder. 10

(2) Application for the registration of a tomato-garden shall be made by the occupier thereof in the prescribed form, and every such application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in the Schedule hereto. 15

(3) If the occupier of any tomato-garden to which this Act applies fails to make application for the registration thereof and to pay the appropriate fee on or before the thirty-first day of January in any year, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of *five* pounds, and to a further fine of *ten* shillings for every week that elapses after the said thirty-first day of January and before application for registration is duly made and the appropriate fee is paid. 20 25

(4) If any person becomes the occupier of an un-registered tomato-garden to which this Act applies in any year he shall make application for the registration thereof and shall pay the appropriate fee within the month of January in that year or within *fourteen* days after he has become the occupier (whichever period is the later to expire), and if he fails so to do he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of *five* pounds, and to a further fine of *ten* shillings for every week that elapses after the said period and before application for registration is duly made and the appropriate fee is paid. 30 35

Payment of registration fees to Deposit Account in Consolidated Fund, and deduction of expenses.

5. All moneys received by way of registration fees pursuant to this Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund to the credit of a Deposit Account. The expenses of collection and of administration, as determined by the Minister, shall be deducted from the proceeds of such fees, and shall, without further appropriation than this section, be paid to the credit of the appropriate fund or account. 40

6. The residue of the registration fees received pursuant to this Act, after making the deduction provided for in the *last preceding* section, shall, on the recommendation of the Minister, and without further appropriation than
- 5 this section, be paid to the Dominion Council of Tomato, Soft Fruit, and Produce Growers, Limited (being a society incorporated under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1908), to be expended by it for such purposes, in furtherance of the interests of the tomato-
- 10 growers of New Zealand, as the Minister may approve.
7. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for any of the following purposes:—
- (a) For the registration of tomato-gardens:
- 15 (b) Prescribing the forms of accounts to be kept and of returns to be furnished by the Dominion Council of Tomato, Soft Fruit, and Produce Growers, Limited, in respect of moneys paid to it under this Act:
- 20 (c) Prescribing any other forms required for the purposes of this Act:
- (d) Generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Application of registration fees.

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Regulations.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

FEEs PAYABLE ON REGISTRATION OF TOMATO-GARDENS.
(To be ascertained as at the 1st day of January in each year.)

Part I.—Tomato-gardens of which no Part is within a Glasshouse

	£	s.	d.
1. Where the number of tomato-plants does not exceed 2,500	0	5	0
2. Where the number of tomato-plants exceeds 2,500 but does not exceed 7,000	0	10	0
3. Where the number of tomato-plants exceeds 7,000	1	0	0

Part II.—Tomato-gardens entirely within a Glasshouse or Glasshouses.

	£	s.	d.
4. Where the area does not exceed 500 square feet	0	5	0
5. Where the area exceeds 500 square feet but does not exceed 1,500 square feet	0	10	0
6. Where the area exceeds 1,500 square feet	1	0	0

Part III.—Tomato-gardens partly within a Glasshouse or Glasshouses.

	£	s.	d.
7. Where the area of the glasshouse or glasshouses does not exceed 500 square feet and the total number of tomato-plants does not exceed 2,500	0	10	0
8. Where the area of the glasshouse or glasshouses exceeds 500 square feet, or the total number of tomato-plants exceeds 2,500, but such area does not exceed 1,500 square feet and such total number does not exceed 7,000	0	15	0
9. Where the area of the glasshouse or glasshouses exceeds 1,500 square feet, or the total number of tomato-plants exceeds 7,000	1	5	0