

PROVINCE OF NELSON.

AMERICAN BLIGHT.

IN THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION II., No. 3.

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE INCREASE OF THE AMERICAN BLIGHT.

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“An Ordinance to prevent the increase of the American Title. Blight.”

WHEREAS considerable injury has been done to Fruit Trees within the Province of Nelson by the Blight or Insect called the American Blight: And whereas it is expedient to prevent as much as possible the increase thereof: Be it therefore enacted, by the Superintendent of the Province of Nelson, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof:—

Persons having Trees infected with American Blight liable to a penalty of Forty shillings for first offence

1. That if any person shall have in his possession or under his control any tree infected with the American Blight, or shall occupy any garden, orchard, or other ground whereon any trees infected with the said blight shall be standing or growing, after having received three calendar months' notice to clean such trees, such person shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Forty shillings, to be recovered in a summary manner before any two Justices of the Peace.

For second or any subsequent offence, Penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

2. If any person shall have in his possession or under his control any tree infected with the American Blight, or shall occupy any garden, orchard, or other ground whereon any tree infected with the said blight shall be standing or growing, such person shall for the second or any subsequent offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid. Provided always that no person shall be convicted of such offence more than once within the period of three calendar months.

Persons selling or offering for sale Trees infected, liable to a Penalty of Ten pounds.

3. If any person shall himself, or by means of any one under his control, land or cause to be landed from any ship, boat, or other vessel, any tree infected with the said blight, or if any person shall sell or offer or expose for sale any tree infected with the said blight he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Commencement of Ordinance.

4. This Ordinance shall come into operation on and after the First day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

DONALD SINCLAIR,

Speaker.

Passed the Provincial Council this Twenty-second day of December, 1854.

GEORGE WHITE, *Clerk of the Council.*

I assent to this Ordinance on behalf of the Governor of New Zealand, this Thirtieth day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

E. W. STAFFORD,

Superintendent.