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The Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898.

Importation of Potatoes.

Prohibitions and Restrictions.

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland,
TO WIT. } Count della Catena, Knight Commander of
G. STRICKLAND, } the Most Distinguished Order of St.
Governor. } Michael and St. George, Governor in and
[L.S.] } over the State of Western Australia and
its Dependencies, etc., etc., etc.

WHEREAS by "The Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898," it is provided that the Governor may from time to time by Proclamation prohibit, either absolutely or except in accordance with regulations under the said Act, the introduction into Western Australia, either generally or from any specified colony, country, port, or place, of any plant, fruit, or anything which in his opinion is likely to introduce disease into Western Australia: And whereas in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor the introduction into Western Australia of potatoes from any of the other States of the Commonwealth is likely to introduce and spread in Western Australia the disease known as the Irish Potato Blight, unless such introduction of potatoes from the said States into Western Australia be prohibited either absolutely or except in accordance with regulations as aforesaid: And whereas it is deemed by His Excellency the Governor necessary and expedient to make such prohibition absolute, except as hereinafter provided, in the cases of the States of Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, and to restrict and regulate by regulations made as aforesaid the introduction of potatoes from the States of New South Wales and Victoria: Now therefore I, the said Governor of the State of Western Australia, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby, except as hereinafter provided, prohibit absolutely the introduction into Western Australia of all and any potatoes the product of or imported or introduced directly or indirectly from the States of Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, or either of them, and further do hereby prohibit the introduction into Western Australia of all and any potatoes the product of or imported or introduced directly or indirectly from the States of New South Wales and Victoria, or either of them, save and except in the case of the said last men-

tioned States in accordance with regulations made under the said "Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898," by Order in Council of even date with this Proclamation.

Provided that the Minister for Agriculture may, in his discretion, permit the importation of any consignment of potatoes from the States of Queensland, South Australia or Tasmania, subject to the said regulations.

This Proclamation shall have operation and effect on and from the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette* of Western Australia.

The proclamations made under the said Act, and dated respectively the 6th and 19th days of August, 1909, and the Regulations made thereunder and dated the 19th day of August, 1909, are hereby revoked.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State of Western Australia, at Perth, this 7th day of September, 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES MITCHELL,
Minister for Agriculture.

GOD SAVE THE KING!!!

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The Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Executive Council Chamber, at Perth, this 7th day of September, 1909.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor.
The Honourables—The Premier.
The Minister for Works.
The Attorney General.

WHEREAS by "The Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898," the Governor, by Order in Council gazetted, may from time to time make such regulations as he deems necessary for any purpose for which regulations are contemplated by the said Act or which he deems necessary in order to give full effect to the said Act.

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make and order to be published the regulations in the schedule attached to this Order in Council.

This Order in Council and the said regulations made hereby and set out in the said schedule shall come into force and operation on and from the date of the publication of this Order and of the said regulations in the *Government Gazette* of Western Australia.

Schedule to the foregoing Order in Council attached hereto.

Regulations.

1. Except as hereinafter provided, the importation of potatoes from the States of Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania is absolutely prohibited:

Provided that the Minister for Agriculture may, from time to time, in his discretion, permit the importation of any consignment of potatoes from any of the said States subject to these regulations.

2. No potatoes shall be imported into Western Australia from the States of New South Wales or Victoria unless said potatoes are in new bags branded with a clear Government brand of the State where they were grown, and are accompanied by a Government certificate signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture of such State certifying that such potatoes were grown 50 miles at least from any district known to have or to have had Irish potato blight, nor unless such potatoes were sent direct from the field to the ship. The signatures must be written, as block or stamp signatures will not be accepted, and each certificate must show the number of bags in writing. Any percentage of decomposed or diseased potatoes as may be determined from time to time by the Director of Agriculture or other officer shall condemn the whole consignment.

3. Any consignment of potatoes being, or having been in contact with a diseased or prohibited consignment of potatoes, may be destroyed, or disinfected, or otherwise treated as an Inspector under the said Act may direct.

4. All potatoes imported into Western Australia shall be subject to inspection at the port of entry by an Inspector under the said Act.

5. The importer or his agent shall within twenty-four hours after the arrival of the potatoes assist the Inspector in such inspection and disinfection, and for such purpose shall, if required, open and empty the bags or packages, or remove the potatoes to any place or shed, and perform all labour incidental to or in connection with such inspection and disinfection.

6. The fees (payable in twenty-four hours and in advance) shall be as follows:—

Inspection of imported potatoes, per hundredweight, 1d. Fractions of a hundredweight to be charged as a hundredweight.

7. If an Inspector under the Act declares any imported potatoes or the resultant crop thereof to be diseased or infected with disease, he shall require the importer or the owner to disinfect, destroy, re-ship, or otherwise dispose of such potatoes.

8. If the importer or his agent or owner fails or neglects to conform to these regulations or to carry out the requirements of the Inspector as aforesaid, the Inspector may destroy the potatoes or perform the work at the expense in all things of the importer or owner.

9. All bags or packages that have contained imported potatoes may be disinfected or destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Inspector.

BERNARD PARKER,

Clerk of the Executive Council.