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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. } Compt 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 the States of Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales, and any of them, 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 three 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 in the cases of the States of Victoria and South Australia, and to restrict and regulate by regulations made as aforesaid the introduction of potatoes from New South Wales into Western Australia: Now therefore I, the said Governor of the State of Western Australia, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby 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 Victoria and South Australia 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 State of New South Wales, save and except in the case of the said last mentioned State in accordance with regulations made under the said "Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898," by Order in Council of even date with this Proclamation.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the State of Western Australia, at Perth, this 19th day of August, 1909.

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

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 19th day of August, 1909.

Present:

The Honourables—The Acting Colonial Treasurer,
The Minister for Lands and Agriculture.

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: And whereas pursuant to other powers by the said Act conferred the Governor has, by Proclamation of even date with this Order, *inter alia* prohibited the introduction into Western Australia of all and any potatoes the product of or imported or introduced directly or indirectly from the State of New South Wales save and except in accordance with regulations made under the said "In-

sect Pests Amendment Act, 1898," by this Order in Council: 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, which regulations shall be deemed to be part of this Order, and shall apply to all potatoes imported or introduced or attempted to be imported or introduced directly or indirectly from the State of New South Wales into the State of Western Australia, and to the importation or introduction or attempted importation or introduction thereof into the said last mentioned State.

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. No potatoes from New South Wales shall be imported into Western Australia unless the importer or his agent produces to an Inspector under "The Insect Pests Amendment Act, 1898," a Government certificate signed by an Officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State from which such potatoes were exported, certifying that such potatoes were grown in that State, and further

that the said State is free from the Irish Potato Blight. Block or stamp signatures will not be accepted.

2. All potatoes imported into Western Australia from New South Wales shall be subject to inspection at the port of entry by an Inspector under the said Act.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 owner to disinfect or destroy or otherwise dispose of such potatoes.

6. 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.

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

C. LEE STEERE,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.