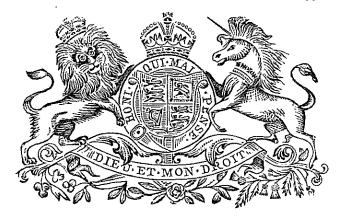
## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



ANNO QUINTO

## GEORGII QUINTI REGIS,

IX.

## No. 9 of 1914.

AN ACT relating to the Distribution, Export, and Prices of Foodstuffs and other Commodities, and to compel the supplying of Information in relation thereto.

[Assented to 8th September, 1914.]

Interpretation.

B E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Foodstuff's Commission Act, Short Title. 1914.
  - 2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:—
    "Foodstuffs and other commodities" means the goods specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Act, and such other additional goods as are from time to time prescribed by the Governor by regulation.
    - "Person" includes a firm or corporation.
    - "The Commission" means the Commission appointed pursuant to this Act.

Appointment of the Commission.

- 3. The Governor may appoint a Commission to investigate, and from time to time report upon, the distribution, export, and prices of foodstuffs and other commodities, and upon—
  - (a) the quantity and distribution thereof;
  - (b) the probable requirements of the people of the State in regard thereto;
  - (c) any attempt by any person to engage in speculative dealings in or to raise the price of foodstuffs and other commodities.

Returns to be supplied to Commission

- 4. (1.) All persons having in their possession or control a quantity of any of the foodstuffs and other commodities, being in the case of foodstuffs or other commodities specified in the first column of the Schedule of this Act greater than the quantity specified opposite thereto in the second column of the Schedule, or, in the case of foodstuffs and other commodities not specified in the first column of the said Schedule, greater than is prescribed by Regulations, shall from time to time, upon being required by the Commission to furnish returns of such foodstuffs and other commodities within such time as is fixed by the Commission, furnish such returns in the form prescribed by the Regulations to each of the following authorities, namely—
  - (a) the Commission, and
  - (b) such Commission appointed by the Governor General in Council as is specified in the requisition by the Commission to furnish returns.

Any such person failing to furnish returns shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding One thousand pounds, and in the discretion of the Crown to forfeiture of the whole or part of the foodstuffs and other commodities in respect of which the failure to furnish a return occurred.

(2.) A requisition by the Commission to furnish returns under this section may be made by general notice published in the Government Gazette of the State.

Furnishing false returns.

5. Any person wilfully furnishing a false return under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding One thousand pounds, and in the discretion of the Crown to forfeiture of the whole or part of the foodstuffs and other commodities in respect of which the false return was furnished.

No proceedings without consent of Attorney General.

6. No proceedings for an offence against this Act shall be taken by any person whomsoever, without the written consent of the Attorney General.

7. This Act shall have operation only during such period as Operation of Act. the Governor may from time to time by proclamation declare, when a state of war exists between the United Kingdom and some other Power.

## THE SCHEDULE.

First Column.											Second Column	
Vheat											100 bushels	
lour											1 ton	
)atmeal											I ton	
Rice											1 ton	
Barley									• •	:.	100 bushels	
Pollard											1 ton	
Bran											1 ton	
Dats											100 bushels	
Maize											100 bushels	
Hay											5 tons	
Chaff											5 tons	
Straw											5 tons	
Potatoes											l ton	
Sugar											1 ton	
Molasses	and o	ther Sy	rups								l ton	
Tam											500 lbs.	
Meat-Be											100 cwt.	
M	itton	and Le	unb							٠.	100 cwt.	
Ва	con a	nd Ha	m								500 lbs.	
Fish—Tir	ned a	nd Pre	served								500 lbs.	
Butter											20 cwt.	
Condense	d. Cor	centra	ted, and	1 Pow	dered	Milk					500 lbs.	
Cheese	.,		·								5 cwt.	
Tea.											100 lbs.	
Coffee											100 lbs.	
Salt											10 tons	
Tobacco											100 lbs.	
Tobacco, manufactured, including Cigars and Cigarettes								3			100 lbs.	
Kerosene											1,000 gallons	
Petrol											1,000 gallons	