

Customs Duties.

Act No. 32, 1898.

An Act for the establishment of Duties of Customs; for the alteration of existing duties; to make permanent certain diminishing duties; and for purposes connected with, consequent upon, and incidental to the above object. [17th December, 1898.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The import duties of customs mentioned in the Schedule to this Act shall be levied and collected upon all goods therein mentioned on their importation, and upon all such goods in bond: Provided that all goods imported for the supply of Her Majesty's service shall be exempt from such import duties.

2. All contracts made on or before the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, for the sale or delivery, otherwise than in bond, of any goods the duty on which is newly imposed or is increased by this Act, shall be subject to an increase in the contract price of such goods corresponding in rate and amount with the duty so imposed or with such increase of duty as the case may be.

3. The duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Duties Act of 1895 (59 Vic. No. 18), on sugar, raw and refined, and glucose, solid—upon molasses and treacle, glucose, liquid and syrup—upon biscuits, confectionery (including cakes, comfits, liquorice, liquorice paste, lozenges of all kinds, cocoanut in sugar, sugar-candy, succades, and sweetmeats), jams and jellies, preserves and canned fruits—fruits boiled, peel, drained or dry, shall cease to be diminishing duties, and shall be collected, levied, and paid as part of the permanent customs tariff, at the rates in force at the commencement of this Act.

4. All powers and authorities conferred by the Customs Regulation Act, 1879, upon the Collector or any other officer of Customs may be exercised and enforced by such officers in the administration of this Act.

Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to alter or repeal any of the provisions of the Customs Regulation Act, 1879.

5. This Act shall be taken to have come into operation on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and all duties levied and collected between the said day and the date of the passing of this Act upon any goods mentioned in the Schedule to

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to this Act on their importation, or upon any such goods in bond, shall, be deemed to have been levied and collected under the authority of this Act, and no action shall lie against any person for or in respect of any thing done or omitted or refused to be done by such person which he might after the passing of this Act lawfully do, omit, or refuse to do.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the "Customs Duties Act, 1898."

SCHEDULE.

Tea per lb. one penny.
Fruits—Dried, candied, or prunes, exclusive of dates (in lieu of the duty of one penny per pound now chargeable) per lb. two pence.