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1888, No. 18.

AN ACT to amend the Acts relating to the Post Office by providing for the Carriage of Foreign Parcels by Post. Title.

[28*th August*, 1888.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Post Office (Foreign Parcels) Act, 1888." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

"Foreign parcels" means any packages or parcels which may be or be intended to be conveyed by means of the Post Office under the Acts and regulations from time to time in force relating to the Post Office, and either posted in New Zealand and sent to a place out of New Zealand, or posted in a place out of New Zealand and sent to a place in New Zealand:

"Postal authority" means the Postmaster-General of the United Kingdom or of any British colony or possession, and includes any authority in any foreign country or place by or with whom any convention, agreement, or arrangement may be made under this Act.

3. The Postmaster-General may from time to time enter into any convention, agreement, or arrangement with any postal authority for the conveyance of foreign parcels under and subject to the terms of this Act, and any such convention, agreement, or arrangement may alter, revoke, or renew as occasion shall require. Power for Postmaster-General to make agreements for conveyance of foreign parcels.

4. The Postmaster-General shall have and may exercise in respect of foreign parcels, and in relation to the carriage or conveyance of the Postmaster-General to have like powers in respect of foreign

parcels as he has under "The Post Office Act Amendment Act, 1886."

same, all such powers, rights, and authorities, and shall be subject to all such duties and liabilities, which he now has, or could exercise, or is subject to in respect of the conveyance or carriage of parcels under the provisions of "The Post Office Act Amendment Act, 1886."

Application of Customs Acts to foreign parcels.

5. Subject to any exceptions and modifications made under this Act, the provisions of the Acts for the time being in force relating to the Customs (in this Act referred to as "the Customs Acts") shall apply to goods contained in foreign parcels in like manner, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, as they apply to any other goods; and persons may be punished for offences against the said Acts, and goods may be examined, seized, and forfeited, and the officers examining them and seizing them shall be protected, and legal proceedings in relation to the matters aforesaid may be taken accordingly under the said Acts.

Right of recovering duties under Customs Acts as if the same were a rate of postage.

6. The Postmaster-General shall have the same right of recovering any sums payable in pursuance of the Customs Acts or this Act in respect of any foreign parcel as he would have if the sum so paid were a rate of postage.

Breach of regulations a breach of Customs Acts.

7. A breach of the regulations hereinafter authorised to be made for the purposes of the Customs Acts shall be deemed to be a breach of the Customs Acts, and shall involve the like punishment of persons guilty thereof, and the like forfeiture of goods.

Governor in Council may make regulations as to the application of the Customs Acts to foreign parcels.

8. The Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, and revoke regulations for the purpose of modifying or excepting the application of any of the Customs Acts to foreign parcels, and for the purpose of securing, in the case of such parcels, the observance of the Customs Acts, and for enabling the officers of the Post Office to perform for the purpose of those Acts all or any of the duties of the exporter and importer, or for carrying into effect any convention, agreement, or arrangement with any postal authority with reference to foreign parcels, and for punishing any breach of the Customs Acts or of the regulations in this section provided for.

Application of provisions of "The Post Office Act Amendment Act, 1886."

9. All the provisions of "The Post Office Act Amendment Act, 1886," shall, subject to the provisions herein contained, extend and apply to foreign parcels to the same extent and in the same manner as if the provisions of that Act had expressly applied to foreign parcels and the several persons, matters, and things that would be affected thereby; and this Act shall be read and construed with the said Act accordingly.

This Act not to authorise imposition of differential Customs duties, &c.

10. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorise the making of any contract, convention, agreement, or arrangement which would have the effect of imposing differential Customs duties, or interfering with the operation of the Act of the Imperial Parliament known as "The Australian Colonies Duties Act, 1873."

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