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# RECIPROCITY:

## NEW ZEALAND AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

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THE Governments of the Colony of New Zealand and of the Commonwealth of Australia, desiring to promote trade and intercourse between their respective countries, as a means of closer union, have agreed to recommend to their Parliaments reciprocal and preferential concessions in certain Customs duties, upon the following conditions:—

The respective tariffs to be amended so as to impose duties at the rates named in the schedule hereto on articles the produce or produce and manufacture of, and imported from, New Zealand and Australia respectively.

No reductions or increases or impositions of duties on articles named in the schedule are to be conceded by either Government to any other country until the consent of the other Government has been obtained. In the event of any such reductions or increases or impositions of duties being insisted upon by either Parliament, this agreement shall be terminable by the other Parliament on twelve months' notice:

Provided, however, that this agreement shall not be affected should Australia or New Zealand, or both, make the reduction of duties necessary to take advantage of the recent South African Customs Convention.

The proportion between the special rates of the schedule and the ordinary tariff is to be maintained should either party alter its ordinary tariff.

This arrangement is to come into force on a date to be proclaimed by the Governor-General and Governor of New Zealand respectively, after both Parliaments shall have accepted it, and shall remain in force for three years, and thereafter until one year's notice be given by either party.

8th June, 1906.

R. J. SEDDON.  
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## SCHEDULE.

Item.	Duties.		Item.	Duties.	
	Australian.	New Zealand.		Australian.	New Zealand.
Aerated and mineral waters	Free 20%	Free 20%	Linseed-cake .. ..	Free 1s. cen.	Free
Bacon and hams .. ..	3d. lb. 4d. lb.	2d. lb. 4d. lb.	Malt .. ..	6s. cen. 7s. cen.	2s. bush. 7s. cen.
Butter .. ..	3d. lb. 4d. lb.	20 % 4d. lb.	Malt-extract .. ..	..	..
Cheese .. ..	3d. lb. 4d. lb.	20 % 4d. lb.	Milk, preserved .. ..	1d. lb. 2d. lb.	25 % 2d. lb.
Candles .. ..	1d. lb. 2d. lb.	1d. lb. 2d. lb.	Oils— Olive .. ..	Free 1s. 4d. gal.	Free 6d. bulk 15 % bot.
Eggs .. ..	2½d. doz. 6d. doz.	2½d. doz. 20 %	Eucalyptus .. ..	Free Free	Free Free
Fish— Fresh .. ..	Free 1d. lb.	Free Free	Kerosene .. ..	..	..
Oysters .. ..	Free 2s. cwt.	Free Free	Onions .. ..	1s. cwt. 1s. 6d. cwt.	1s. cwt. 1s. 6d. cwt.
Apples, pears, grapes ..	2s. cen. 2s. cen.	½d. lb., 14th July—1st March 1d. during rest of year	Potatoes .. ..	1s. cwt. 1s. 6d. cwt.	20 % 1s. 6d. cwt.
Fruits, dried— Raisins .. ..	Free 3d. lb.	Free 1d.	Soap— Perfumed .. ..	3d. lb. 6d. lb.	25 % 6d.
Currants .. ..	Free 2d. lb.	Free 1d.	Other .. ..	..	..
Fruits, bottled .. ..	9d., 1s. 6d. 3s. doz. 1s. gal.	25 %	Sugar, refined and unrefined	£6 ton £6 ton	Free ½d. lb.
Grain— Barley .. ..	1s. 3d. cen. 2s. cen.	1s. 6d. 2s.	Timber— Laths .. ..	5s. 1,000 5s. 1,000	2s. 1,000 2s. 1,000
Beans and peas .. ..	1s. 3d. cen. 2s. cen.	1s. 3d. 2s.	Shingles .. ..	3s. 1,000 3s. 1,000	2s. 1,000 2s. 1,000
Maize .. ..	1s. cen. 2s. cen.	1s. 3d. 2s.	Logs .. ..	Free Free	Free Free
Oats .. ..	1s. 3d. cen. 2s. cen.	1s. 3d. 2s.	Palings .. ..	15s. 1,000 15s. 1,000	2s. 100 2s. 100
Bran, pollard, and sharps	9d. cen. 1s. cen.	9d. 20 %	Posts .. ..	Free Free	8s. 100 8s. 100
Flour .. ..	Free 2s. 6d. cen.	Free 1s.	Rails .. ..	Free Free	4s. 100 4s. 100
Wheat .. ..	1s. cen. 2s. cen.	9d. 2s.	Timber— Sawn, undressed ..	.. ..	2s. 100 3s. 100
Oatmeal, wheatmeal, and rolled oats	0½d. lb. 1½d. lb.	1s. cen. 1½d. lb.	Oregon, undressed, 12 in. by 6 in. and over	6d. 100 1s. 6d. 100	.. ..
Hay and chaff .. ..	Free 1s. cwt.	Free 20s. ton	Other undressed, 12 in. by 6 in. and over	1s. 100 2s. 100	.. ..
Hops .. ..	6d. lb. 1s. lb.	6d. lb. 1s. lb.	Other undressed, less than 12 in. by 6 in.	1s. 6d. 100 2s. 6d. 100	.. ..
Linseed .. ..	Free 2s. cen.	Free 20s. ton	Timber, sawn, dressed ..	3s. 100 4s. 100	4s. 100 5s. 100
Linseedmeal .. ..	Free 4s. cen.	Free	Timber, unenumerated ..	No Austr- lian heading	Free.
			Timber, New Zealand pine ..	Free	..
			Wine .. ..	8s. gal. 6s. gal.	4s. gal. 6s. gal.

NOTE.—The upper line of two duties shown opposite an item is the duty to be charged in each of the contracting countries on the product of the other; the lower duty on the undermentioned line to be charged against the products of other countries.

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