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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency, JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia.

PROCLAMATION having the force of Law in Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia.

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, have been appointed Governor of the said Colony, and have been authorized by Proclamation under the Public Seal of the said Colony, to make Laws, Institutions and Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the same:

And whereas, it is expedient to alter in some respects the rates of duties of Customs now leviable upon goods and other articles and things imported into British Columbia, and to make further provision for the levying thereof:

Now, therefore, I do hereby declare, proclaim and enact as follows; viz:

1st. All goods, animals and articles, not hereinafter specifically chraged with any duty of Customs, and not hereinafter exempted from the payment of duties of Customs, shall on being imported into British Columbia be charged and chargeable with a duty of Ten pounds for every one hundred pounds value thereof at the port of entry.

2d. There shall be levied and paid on the goods, articles and animals next hereinafter mentioned, the duties of Customs following, viz:

	£	s.	d.
Spirits and distilled liquors of all sorts, sweetened or otherwise, for every Imperial gallon of full strength, or less than full strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer	0	6	3
And so in proportion for any greater strength than proof, or for any less quantity than one gallon.			
Bulls, cows, oxen, horses, asses and mules per head	0	4	2
Sheep and goats per head	0	2	1
Tobacco, viz: cigars and cheroots per 100	0	4	2
Tobacco, viz: snuff and other preparations per pound	0	0	6 1-4

3d. The following goods, animals and articles shall be admitted into British Columbia free of all duties, viz: Coin, fresh meat, fresh fruit, and fresh vegetables, poultry, alive or dead, machinery for agricultural purposes, seeds, and bulbs. and roots of plants to be used in agricultural and not as food, salt, printed and manuscript books and papers, and the baggage and apparel, household furniture and professional apparatus of passengers.

And also, all goods, animals and articles whatever, imported for the public service, or uses of the Colony of British Columbia, or for the use of Her Majesty's land or sea forces, or of any person holding any command or appointment in Her Majesty's force aforesaid. Provided always, that all articles so excepted from duty as above mentioned, as being property of passengers or officers, shall be bona fide the property of such passengers and officers, and not intended for making a profit by the sale or hire thereof.

4th. From and after the 15th day of June now next, the port of Queensborough shall be the sole port of entry for all vessels entering Fraser River, and for all goods imported by sea into the ports of British Columbia adjacent to Fraser River. And all vessels desirous of clearing for any other port of British Columbia, may thenceforth clear at Queensborough aforesaid for such ports as may for the time being be open for traffic.—Provided, nevertheless, that until the said 15th day of June now next, all the duties hereby made leviable shall be ascertained, levied and paid at Victoria, in Vancouver Island, in the same manner as heretofore has been used with respect to the duties now levied and paid, and the same shall be under the management of the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs for British Columbia. Provided further, that all vessels desirous to clear for any port in British Columbia north of Fraser river, which may for the time being be open for traffic, may do so, clearing as heretofore at the port of Victoria aforesaid, paying nevertheless the full duties hereby charged and made leviable. and all such last mentioned duties shall be paid to and under the management of the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs for British Columbia.

5th. The Bill of Entry, and the Declaration of the Importer, shall be according to the form prescribed for the entry of dutiable goods by the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the 16th and 17th year of Queen Victoria, entitled the "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853."

6th. All evasions and offences committed by any person or persons to defeat the payment of the duties hereby made payable on any goods imported into British Columbia, will be prosecuted and punished in the manner prescribed by the said "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853."

7th. The expression "British Columbia," shall include the whole Colony of British Columbia with its dependencies as by law established.

8th. This proclamation shall take effect and the duties hereby imposed shall be leviable upon any goods imported, or attempted to be imported into British Columbia from and after the 3d day of June now next.

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, this 2nd day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS, [L.S.]

By Command, of His Excellency's

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.