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NO. 17.

An Ordinance to declare the application of the existing Laws of Customs.

[25*th March*, 1867.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by "The British Columbia Act, 1866, it was among other things enacted that after and notwithstanding the Union of the heretofore separate Colony of Vancouver Island with British Columbia, the Laws in force in the said separate Colonies respectively at the time of the Union taking effect should, until it were otherwise provided by lawful authority, remain in force as if the said Act had not been passed or proclaimed; save only that the Laws relative to the Revenue of Customs in force in British Columbia at the time of the Union taking effect should, until it were otherwise provided, extend and apply to Vancouver Island;

AND, WHEREAS, it is expedient to remove all doubts as to the application of the existing Customs Laws of British Columbia to the Collection of Customs Duties in respect of Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Commodities, imported into the Colony of British Columbia since the said Union, from that portion of it heretofore known as the Colony of Vancouver Island, such Goods not having as yet paid Customs Duties, and to declare the Law thereon;

Be it enacted by the Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Extends Customs Laws of British Columbia to goods imported from Vancouver Island.

I. All and every the Customs Laws now in force in British Columbia shall be deemed to have extended and applied, and shall be held to extend and apply to the case of Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Commodities, imported or to be imported into all or any Port or Place in British Columbia, as well from all Ports or Places without the Colony of British Columbia as from all Ports or Places of that portion of it heretofore known as Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, and all such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Commodities so imported or to be imported as aforesaid shall be held to have been and to be and be liable to the payment of British Columbia Customs Duties, except as hereinafter next mentioned.

Excepting goods that have already paid duty.

II. Provided, however, that the said Customs Laws, and the Collection of Duties in respect thereof, shall not extend or apply to Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Commodities which have already paid the British Columbia Customs Duties in any part of the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies since the said Union.

III. All

Decision of Collector of Customs on question of fact final.

III. All questions of fact arising as to whether any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Commodities have already paid British Columbia Customs Duties in any part of the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies since the said Union, shall be referred to the decision of the Principal Officer of Customs of the Colony of British Columbia, whose judgment therein shall be final, subject only to the authority of the Governor for the time being to order a return of duties, as to him shall seem fit.

Penalty for evasion of duties.

IV. All Evasions and Offences committed by any person or persons to defeat the Payment of Duties, hereby declared to be and to have been made payable in respect of Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Commodities imported into any Port or Place in British Columbia from any Port or Place in the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, shall be prosecuted and punished with all and singular the same forfeitures as in the case of the Evasions or Offences committed by any person or persons to defeat the Payment of Duties payable in respect of Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Commodities imported into any Port or Place in British Columbia.

Collection of duties under this Ordinance terminates on 30th March, 1867.

V. Provided however that no Duties of Customs shall be levied or collected under the provisions of this Ordinance after the thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1867.

Short Title.

VI. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Customs Declaratory Ordinance, 1867."

Passed the Legislative Council the 19th day of March, A. D. 1867.

CHARLES GOOD, *Clerk.* ARTHUR N. BIRCH, *Presiding Member.*

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 25th day of March, 1867.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR, *Governor.*

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