

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES.

No. 7 of 1926.

An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on certain Goods the Produce of the Territory of Papua and on certain Goods the Produce of the Territory of New Guinea.

[Assented to 15th February, 1926.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1926*. Short title.

2. There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds during the period of ten years commencing on the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven for the payment of bounty in accordance with this Act. Appropriation for payment of bounty.

3.—(1.) The total amount of the bounty authorized to be paid in any one year shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds. Limit of total amount of bounties.

(2.) Where the maximum amount of bounty which may be paid in any year has not been paid in that year the unpaid balance or any part thereof may be paid in any subsequent year in addition to the maximum amount for that year.

4. The bounties under this Act shall be payable on the goods, the produce of the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea, which are mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, on importation into the Commonwealth for home consumption therein from either of those Territories, provided that— Specification of bounty.

(a) the goods are imported into the Commonwealth from the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea within the period specified in the Schedule to this Act; and

(b) that the goods have been imported direct from the Territory in which they were produced.

5. Every claimant of bounty under this Act shall produce a certificate signed by the principal officer of Customs at the port of shipment in the country of export that the goods are the produce of the Territory of Papua or of the Territory of New Guinea, as the case may be. Certificate to be supplied by claimant in support of claim.

Minister
may require
information.

6. The Minister may, in relation to any claim for bounty under this Act, require such information as to the correctness of any certificate, or otherwise, as he deems necessary.

Persons
entitled to
bounty.

7. No bounty shall be paid to any person other than the exporter or his authorized agent.

Offences
against Act.

8. No person shall—

- (a) obtain any bounty which is not payable;
- (b) obtain payment of any bounty by means of any false or misleading statement; or
- (c) present to any officer or other person doing duty in relation to this Act or the Regulations any document, or make to any such officer or person any statement, which is false or misleading in any particular.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for twelve months.

Return to be
laid before
Parliament.

9. A return setting forth—

- (a) the names of all persons to whom bounty was paid during the preceding financial year; and
 - (b) the amount of bounty paid to each of those persons,
- shall be prepared in the month of July in each year and shall be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within thirty days after its preparation, if the Parliament is then sitting, and, if not, then within thirty days after the next meeting thereof.

Regulations.

10. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing the proportion in which bounty shall be payable to claimants who have complied with the prescribed conditions, in cases where there is not sufficient money available to pay the full bounty in respect of all the claims.

THE SCHEDULE.

Description of Goods.	Rate of Bounty.	Period.
1. Cocoa Beans, raw, whole or broken	1½d. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
2. Cocoa Shells, raw ..	1½d. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
3. Fibres, viz. :—		
(a) Manila and Sisal Hemp	£6 per ton	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
(b) Coir	£3 per ton	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
4. Sago, not packed for household use	1d. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
5. Beans, Vanilla	2s. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
6. Bamboos and Rattans, unmanufactured (including clouded)	£4 per ton	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
7. Spices, Unground, viz. :— Nutmegs, Mace, Pepper, Cloves and Ginger	1½d. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
8. Spices, Unground, n.e.i. ..	¾d. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927
9. Kapok	2d. per lb.	10 years on and from 1st January, 1927