

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1855.

18 Victoria – Chapter 2

An Act to give effect, on the part of the Island of Newfoundland, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America. (Passed 7th July, 1855.)

Whereas it is expedient to provide for giving effect, as regards the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, signed on the Fifth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

1st. That whenever the Governor of this Island shall, by Proclamation, declare that the Treaty has taken effect, according to the terms thereof, the Articles enumerated in the Schedule to this Act, being the Growth and Produce of the United States of America, shall be admitted into this Colony and its Dependencies Free of Duty, so long as the Treaty shall remain in force; any Law, Act or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; except that if at any time the United States shall, under the terms of the Treaty, suspend the operation of the Third Article thereof, so far as this Island is affected thereby, then the Governor of this Island may, if he see fit, declare such Suspension by Proclamation; after which, the Exemption from Duty under this Act shall cease while such Suspension shall continue; but the Governor may again, whenever such Suspension shall cease, declare the same by Proclamation, from and after which such Exemption shall again take effect.

2nd. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by any Order or Orders to be made for that purpose, to do anything further, in accordance with the spirit and intention of the Treaty, which shall be found necessary to be done on the part of this Island, to give full effect to the Treaty, and any such Order shall have the same effect as if the object thereof were expressly provided for by this Act.

3rd. When and so soon as this Act shall have been approved by Her Majesty, and the Treaty shall be declared by Proclamation of the Governor to be in force, and to have taken effect according to the terms thereof, as provided for by the First Section of this Act; all such provisions of all Laws, Acts or Statutes of this Island, now in force, as are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms and spirit of the Treaty, are hereby declared to be Suspended, as regards Citizens and Inhabitants of the United States of America, and Vessels, Boats and Crafts, belonging to the Citizens and Inhabitants of that Country; and shall continue to be so suspended, and not in force, so long as the Treaty shall continue and be in force, any Law, Act or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

SCHEDULE TO THIS ACT.

Grain. Flour, and Bread-Stuffs of all kinds;

Animals of all kinds:

Fresh, Smoked, and Salted Meats;

Cotton Wool, Seeds, and Vegetables;
Undried Fruits, Dried Fruits;
Fish of all kinds;
Products of Fish and of all other Creatures living in the Water;
Poultry;
Eggs;
Hides, Furs, Skins, or Tails, undressed;
Stone or Marble, in its crude or unwrought state;
Slate;
Butter, Cheese, Tallow;
Lard, Horns, Manures;
Ores of Metals of all kinds;
Coal;
Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Ashes;
Timber and Lumber of all kinds, round, hewed and sawed, unmanufactured, in whole or in part;
Firewood;
Plants, Shrubs, and Trees;
Pelts, Wool;
Fish Oil;
Rice, Broom Corn, and Bark;
Gypsum, ground or unground;
Hewn or wrought or unwrought Burr or Grind Stones;
Dye Stuffs;
Flax, Hemp and Tow, unmanufactured;
Unmanufactured Tobacco;
Rags.