

ORANGE BOUNTY.

No. 5 of 1936.

An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Oranges from the Commonwealth.

[Assented to 20th March, 1936.]

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 *Orange Bounty Act 1936*. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.

“bounty” means bounty under this Act ;
“the Secretary” means the Secretary of the Department of Commerce of the Commonwealth.
3. There shall be payable, out of moneys appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose specified in item five of Division one hundred and nine of the Second Schedule to the *Appropriation Act 1935-36*, the bounty specified in this Act. Bounty to be paid.
4. The bounty shall be payable in respect of oranges exported from the Commonwealth to destinations other than New Zealand during the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, in respect of which the provisions of the Commerce (General Exports) Regulations (being Statutory Rules 1926, No. 22, as amended to the date of the export of the oranges) were complied with. Specification of bounty.
5. Bounty shall be payable at the rate of Sixpence for each case of oranges exported. Rate of bounty
- 6.—(1.) The bounty shall, subject to this section, be payable to the exporter of the oranges. Payee of bounty.

(2.) Where a person exports oranges through an agent, the bounty may be paid to that agent, who shall be liable to account therefor to the exporter.
7. A payment of bounty shall not be made under this Act unless the claimant for that bounty has lodged an application therefor with the Secretary on or before the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six. Condition of payment.

Offences.

8. A person shall not—

- (a) obtain or attempt to obtain payment of any bounty which is not payable ;
- (b) obtain or attempt to 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 in any particular.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.

Power to call for information.

9.—(1.) The Minister, or any person thereto authorized in writing by him, may, by notice in writing, call upon any person to furnish to him within such time as is specified in the notice, such books and documents and such information as the Minister or that authorized person thinks necessary in relation to compliance with this Act or the regulations made thereunder or any suspected contravention thereof.

(2.) Any person who, without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him), fails, after receipt of a notice under the last preceding sub-section, to comply with the requirements of the notice shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.

(3.) Where any person who has so failed to furnish the books, documents or information is a claimant for bounty, the Minister may, if he thinks fit, withhold payment of any bounty payable to the claimant until he has furnished the required books, documents or information.

Return to be laid before Parliament.

10. A report upon the working of this Act, and a return setting forth—

- (a) the amount of bounty paid under this Act ; and
- (b) such other particulars as are prescribed,

shall be prepared in the month of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and shall be laid before each House of the Parliament within fifteen sitting days of that House after the thirtieth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

Regulations.

11. 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 carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months for any offence against the regulations.