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## No. 374.

An Act to amend "The Post Office Act, 1876," with respect to the Conveyance of Parcels.

[Assented to, November 17th, 1886.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Post Office Act, 1876," with respect to the conveyance of parcels—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows: Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Parcels Post Act, 1886," and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation to be published in the *Government Gazette*. Short title and commencement

2. This Act, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, shall be construed as one with "The Post Office Act, 1876," hereinafter called the principal Act. Incorporation.

3. Section 20 of "The Post Office Act, 1876," is hereby repealed. Repeal.

4. The Governor may, from time to time, by order published in the *Government Gazette*, direct what parcels may be sent by post as parcels within the meaning of this Act, and upon what terms and conditions the same may be sent: Provided that the rate of postage shall not exceed the rates named in the Schedule hereto. Parcels defined.

5. Parcels exceeding the weight and dimensions fixed by section 21 of the principal Act may be received for transmission, or delivered Heavy parcels may be sent.

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delivered at such places and post offices within the province as the Governor by order published in the *Government Gazette* may direct: Provided, that should any such parcel received from outside the province be addressed to any place or post office beyond the limits for the transmission of such parcels, a notice shall be sent to the addressee advising the arrival of such parcel, and the addressee may direct to what place or post office within the limits for the transmission of such parcels the parcel is to be sent.

Unclaimed parcels.

6. Should the addressee of any parcel delay to call for such parcel, or delay to direct such parcel to be forwarded, as provided in the preceding section, for the space of one month in the case of an inland parcel, of three months in the case of an intercolonial parcel, or of six months in the case of a parcel from any other country, then such parcel may be opened and dealt with in the manner prescribed as to parcels in the principal Act, or by published regulations approved by the Governor, in Council; and if such parcel be returned to the sender, the sender shall be surcharged with the ordinary parcel postage thereon, together with any other charges to which the said parcel shall have become liable: But should any parcel be refused by the addressee, or should the addressee refuse to give instructions respecting such parcel, then the parcel may be at once dealt with in the manner mentioned above.

Surcharge on parcels.

7. Except as provided for by section 5 of this Act, any parcel which, at the request of either the sender or the addressee, may be re-directed and forwarded to any other place than that to which it was originally addressed may be surcharged on delivery at the ordinary rates of parcel postage.

Prohibited articles.

8. No parcel shall be deemed to be a parcel within the meaning of this Act which contains—

- i. Opium:
- ii. Any explosive substance, any dangerous substance, any filth, any noxious or deleterious substance, any sharp instrument not properly protected, or any article or thing whatsoever which is likely to injure either other parcels in course of conveyance or an officer of the post office:
- iii. Any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book or card, or any indecent or obscene article whatsoever.

Provisions of Customs Acts to apply.

9. The provisions of the Customs Acts for the time being in force shall apply to goods contained in parcels in like manner as they apply to any other goods, and the Postmaster-General shall have the same rights of recovery of any sums paid or to be paid in pursuance of the Customs enactments, or under the regulations to be made in pursuance of this Act, in respect of any parcel as he would have if the sum so paid or to be paid as aforesaid were a rate of postage.

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**10.** Any duty imposed by any Customs Act or regulation payable on goods contained in any parcel shall be paid by the addressee before delivery of any such parcel.

Customs duties to be paid before delivery.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

WM. C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.

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## SCHEDULE.

*Rates of Postage.*

Small parcels, circulars, &c., other than letters, not exceeding one pound in weight, forwarded by the ordinary post—

	Inland.		Intercolonial.		Other Countries.	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Not exceeding one ounce.....	0	1	0	1	0	1*
Not exceeding two ounces .....	0	1	0	2	0	2*
Every additional two ounces or fraction } thereof .....	0	1	0	2	0	2*

\* Subject to additional postage in terms of agreement with the country of exchange, and to cover special transit charges.

Book packets (that is printed books, pamphlets, magazines, reviews, and all other periodicals that do not come within the definition of a newspaper), not exceeding three pounds, forwarded by ordinary post—

	Inland.		Intercolonial.	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Not exceeding four ounces .....	0	1	0	1
Every additional four ounces .....	0	1	0	1

To other countries the same rates as for small parcels forwarded by the ordinary post.

Newspapers—bulk parcels of newspapers posted by a recognised newspaper publisher or news-vendor .....	Inland and Intercolonial.
	1d. per lb. weight.

Parcels forwarded by parcel post to places within the limits of the parcel post—

	Inland.	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Not exceeding one pound.....	0	6
Every additional pound .....	0	6
	United Kingdom.	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Not exceeding two pounds .....	2	0
Every additional pound .....	1	0

Parcels to other colonies and countries will be subject to additional postage in terms of agreement, and to assimilate the rates with the colony or country of exchange, and to cover special transit charges.