

DAIRY-PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL ACT, 1923.

THE full text of this measure, as passed in the recent session of Parliament, is as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Dairy-produce Export Control Act, 1923.

Act to be brought into Operation by Proclamation.

2. (1.) This Act shall come into operation on a date to be specified in that behalf by the Governor-General, by Proclamation approved in Executive Council.

(2.) A Proclamation shall not issue under this section unless and until a majority in number of the producers, within the meaning of this Act, have, at a poll to be taken for the purpose as herein provided, voted in favour of a proposal that this Act should be brought into operation.

(3.) At the poll to be taken as aforesaid proposals shall be submitted in the following form:—

1. I vote that the Act be brought into operation.

2. I vote that the Act be NOT brought into operation.

(4.) Every voter at the poll on the proposals submitted under this section shall be entitled to one vote only, and shall record his vote by striking out the proposal for which he does not wish to vote.

(5.) A proposal under this section shall be deemed to be carried if a majority of the valid votes recorded at the poll is in favour thereof, but not otherwise.

(6.) For the purposes of a poll under this section an officer of the Public Service shall be appointed as Returning Officer, and the Returning Officer shall make all necessary arrangements for the conduct of the poll.

(7.) The poll to be taken under this section shall be taken on a day or days to be appointed in that behalf by the Minister of Agriculture, being not later than the first day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and may be taken by post.

(8.) On the completion of the poll the Returning Officer shall make a declaration as to the result, and shall forward the same to the Minister of Agriculture, who shall cause notice of the same to be published in the *Gazette*.

(9.) The notice published in the *Gazette* shall be conclusive evidence of the result of the poll.

Interpretation.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "dairy-produce" means butter and cheese; "producers" means persons carrying on business as suppliers of milk or cream to factories manufacturing dairy-produce for export.

New Zealand Dairy-produce Control Board.

4. (1.) There is hereby established a Board to be known as the New Zealand Dairy-produce Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

(2.) The Board shall consist of—(a.) Two persons (herein referred to as Government representatives) to be appointed by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, as representatives of the New Zealand Government; the Governor-General shall not appoint any person rejected by a vote of the producers as hereinafter provided. (b.) Nine persons (herein referred to as producers' representatives) to be appointed by the Governor-General as representatives of producers on election in manner hereinafter provided.

(3.) In addition to the members to be appointed pursuant to the last preceding subsection, the Governor-General may appoint one member as representative of persons for the time being engaged in business as manufacturers of dairy-produce, or as sellers of such produce out of New Zealand, whether as agents or on their own account. Such member shall be appointed for a term of three years, but may at any time be removed from office by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Board, or may from time to time be reappointed on the expiry of any term of appointment.

(4.) Of the producers' representatives six shall be elected in the prescribed manner by direct vote of the producers carrying on business in the North