

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.]

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Hon. Mr. Parr.

AUCKLAND CITY ABATTOIR.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to confer on the Auckland City Council certain additional Powers and Authorities in Connection with the Auckland City Abattoir. Title.

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Auckland City Abattoir Act, 1924. Short Title.

Struck out.

2. It shall be lawful for the Auckland City Council (hereinafter called "the Council") to acquire or establish and maintain in connection with the Auckland City Abattoir boiling-down works, manure-works, and works for the treatment or disposal of tripe, bones, offal, condemned stock, and waste- or by-products of the said abattoir, and to do all things necessary or incidental thereto.

Council may establish boiling-down works. &c.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the second proviso to section twenty-seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908, the Council is hereby authorized to include in the annual cost of the abattoir established by it, in lieu of five per centum per annum on the capital expended in establishing and erecting the abattoir, as mentioned in the said proviso, a sum of seven pounds per centum per annum on the value of all buildings and improvements now erected or hereafter to be erected on and the lands used or connected with such abattoir and any boiling-down or other works carried on in connection therewith, as provided in the last preceding section hereof, and a further sum of ten pounds per centum per annum on the value of all machinery now or at any time used in the said abattoir and works.

Annual cost of abattoir.

4. The Council may apply from time to time all profits derived from the said boiling-down or other works for the purpose of additions, extensions, and renewals to the buildings, machinery, and plant of the said abattoir and works, and shall be under no obligation to apply such profits or any part thereof towards the annual cost of the said abattoir.

Application profits.

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Interpretation.

1A. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

“ Abattoir ” means the Auckland City Abattoir :

“ City ” means the City of Auckland :

“ Council ” means the Auckland City Council : 5

“ Abattoir district ” means and includes the districts for which the abattoir is from time to time available for the slaughter of stock :

“ Principal Act ” means the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908. 10

Meat-export slaughterhouses by-laws.

1B. (1.) Meat from stock slaughtered in meat-export slaughterhouses shall not be sold or exposed for sale in the abattoir district, except upon terms of paying to the Council the fees fixed by any by-law made as hereinafter provided.

(2.) The Council may from time to time make by-laws not 15 inconsistent with the principal Act or this Act, or with regulations made thereunder—

(a.) Prescribing the charges payable for the use of the abattoir, the housing and feeding of stock before slaughter, and the slaughtering and dressing of stock, each of such charges 20 being a separate and distinct charge in respect of each of such matters and proportionate to the cost of the particular service rendered in respect thereof :

(b.) Prescribing the fees to be paid in respect of meat from stock slaughtered in meat-export slaughterhouses that 25 is sold or exposed for sale in the abattoir district. Provided that such fees shall be charged by the Council upon the actual weight of meat so sold calculated on the basis of a charge per beast, the number of beasts being ascertained by dividing the weight of meat so sold by the 30 fair average weight of the beast of the particular class from which such meat is derived, and such fees shall be the same per beast as the fees that would for the time being be chargeable for the use of the abattoir (exclusive of the cost of slaughtering) if the stock had been 35 slaughtered therein ; and

(c.) Regulating the working and management of the abattoir.

(3.) No such by-law shall come into force unless and until it is approved by the Governor-General.

(4.) So long as any by-law is in force prescribing the charges in 40 respect of the abattoir or the fees in respect of meat slaughtered in meat-export slaughterhouses that is sold or exposed for sale in the abattoir district no greater or other charges shall be payable than those specified in the by-law.

(5.) If default is made in payment of any charges in respect of 45 the abattoir the Council or any person appointed or authorized by it in that behalf may at any time after such default recover the charges by action in any court of competent jurisdiction or by distress, and the sale of any stock in the abattoir belonging to the person by whom the said charges are payable. 50

(6.) The fees and charges paid to the Council under any by-law shall not in any one year be more than sufficient to defray the annual

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5 cost of the abattoir, inclusive of seven per centum per annum on the capital expended in establishing and erecting or extending the abattoir, and should such fees and charges in any year exceed the said maximum the Council shall pay to the persons paying charges for the use of the abattoir, or fees in respect of meat from stock slaughtered in a meat-export slaughterhouse, the amount of such excess in proportion to the amounts of charges for use of the abattoir (exclusive of inspection fees) or the amounts of fees so paid.

10 Provided that any surplus remaining of such sum of seven per centum per annum, after payment of all interest on any loans raised or to be raised for the purposes of the abattoir, shall be paid and applied by the Council either in or towards any sinking fund which the Council may from time to time determine to establish in respect of
 15 any such loans or in or towards the renewal or replacement of the plant of the undertaking, or any parts thereof, or other abattoir purposes.

20 (7.) Nothing in section twenty-seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908, or in section three of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1910, shall apply to the Council or the abattoir, or restrict the operation of this section :

Provided that any existing by-laws made by the Council under the said provisions shall continue in force until repealed or suspended by by-laws made by the Council under this Act.

25 1c. The provisions of sections ten and eleven of the principal Act as to the establishment of an abattoir shall be deemed to extend and apply to the making from time to time of any additions to or extentions of the abattoir.

Sections 10 and 11 of principal Act to apply.