

Hon. Mr. T. Mackenzie.

SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908. Title.

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 Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1910, and shall form part of and be read together with the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. (1.) Where on the slaughter of stock for human consumption it is found that the stock is diseased, the owner shall be entitled to compensation in the cases and to the extent mentioned in the Schedule hereto: Compensation for diseased stock.

Provided that compensation shall not be payable—

(a.) Unless the owner makes application therefor in the prescribed form to an Inspector—

(i.) In the case of an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse, within the first ten days of the month following that in which the stock was slaughtered; or

(ii.) In all other cases, within three days after the stock was slaughtered; nor

(b.) Unless the owner satisfies the Inspector that the stock so slaughtered was in fact diseased, and has been disposed of as required by section thirty-five of the principal Act; nor

(c.) In any case where the meat was rendered unfit for human consumption through defect or inferiority in its condition, or owing to a state of advanced pregnancy or of recent parturition of the animal.

(2.) This section is in substitution for section fifty-nine of the principal Act, which section is hereby repealed. Repeal.

By-laws.

3. (1.) The controlling authority of an abattoir may from time to time make by-laws, not 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 ; and 5

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

(2.) No such by-law shall come into force unless and until approved by the Governor.

(3.) So long as any by-law is in force prescribing the charges in respect of any abattoir, no greater or other charges shall be payable than those specified in the by-law. 10

(4.) If default is made in the due payment of any charges so imposed by by-law, the controlling authority, 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 competent Court, or by distress and sale of any stock in the abattoir and belonging to the person by whom the said charges are payable. 15

Repeal.

(5.) Paragraphs (c) to (f) of section eighteen of the principal Act are hereby repealed. 20

Section 2 of principal Act amended.

4. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the definition of "Meat-export slaughterhouse," and substituting therefor the following :—

"'Meat-export slaughterhouse' means a slaughterhouse wherein not less than twenty-five per centum of the stock slaughtered is for export beyond New Zealand." 25

Section 33 of principal Act amended.

5. Section thirty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection :—

"(3.) Meat inspected by a Special Inspector appointed under this section may be exported beyond New Zealand, but during the currency of the Inspector's appointment no meat shall be moved from the slaughtering-place for human consumption or for export unless and until the Inspector declares it to be free from disease." 30

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

HEIFERS, and bullocks not exceeding eight years of age and of not less value than £3 per head	}	1d. per pound, dressed weight, of meat condemned, not including the head or any part of the animal below the knee or hock.
Lambs, and sheep (other than rams) not exceeding five years of age and of not less value than 10s. per head		
Swine		2d. per pound, dressed weight.
Cows not exceeding ten years of age and of not less value than £3 per head		¾d. per pound, dressed weight.
Calves of not less than 60 lbs., dressed weight...		¾d. per pound, dressed weight, of meat condemned, not including the head or any part of the animal below the knee or hock.