

BILL

No. 30 of 1915.

An Act to provide for the Inspection of Stock.

(Assented to _____, 1915.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Stock Inspection Act.*"

INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

1. The expression "brand" means any letter, sign, character or numeral recorded as allotted to any owner and the permanent impression of any letter, sign, character or numeral placed upon stock under the provisions of chapter 24 of the Statutes of Alberta of 1913 (2nd Session);

2. The expression "brand reader" means any person appointed by the Minister to give an accurate description of an estray;

3. The expression "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture;

4. The expression "department" means the Department of Agriculture;

5. The expression "special inspector of stock" means a person appointed by the Minister who, in addition to the duties of an inspector of stock as provided herein, has special duties to perform under rules and regulations passed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and includes special deputy inspector;

6. The expression "inspector of stock" means any person appointed as such by the Minister;

7. The expression "stock" includes any horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly, ass or mule and any bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer or calf;

8. The expression "cattle" means any bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer or calf.

SPECIAL INSPECTOR AND SPECIAL DEPUTY INSPECTOR.

3. Where the number of animals shipped to or from any point, or slaughtered thereat, is sufficient in the opinion of the Minister to require special inspection, he shall appoint a special inspector of stock for such point who shall, in addition to the ordinary duties of an inspector of stock, inspect the stock on the premises of any slaughter house or abattoir or in any place where live stock is being held for feed, rest or sale and the remuneration of such special inspector of stock shall be fixed by the Minister.

(2) It shall be the duty of all shippers of stock to furnish the special inspector of stock with memoranda of sale similar to those required under section 8 hereof for ship-

ment of stock to a point outside the province and it shall be the duty of the special inspector of stock to procure such memoranda and to forward same to the Minister on the first day of each month.

(3) Where a special inspector of stock finds that any animal has been unlawfully shipped or is being unlawfully held, he shall detain such animal and offer same for sale by auction or otherwise at a reserve price of the average amount paid for such stock according to class and age at the point of shipment or place where such animal is held and in the event of no sale he shall collect from the shipper or from the person holding such animal such average price and upon payment shall give such person possession of said animal.

No special inspector of stock shall purchase in person or by his agent, directly or indirectly, any stock detained or offered for sale by him, nor shall he acquire any interest of any kind in any such stock.

(4) The special inspector of stock detaining and selling or collecting the price of any animal shall immediately forward the net amount of sale or amount so collected to the department, together with a return, giving an accurate description of each animal so detained, any brand or brands it bears, and name and address of the shipper or person holding, the point of shipment or place where held and date of such shipment or holding and, if sold, the name and address of the purchaser.

(5) Upon the receipt of the said money and return the department shall forward the money to the owner, if known, and in case the owner cannot be found a description of the animal and full particulars regarding same shall be published in two consecutive issues of *The Alberta Gazette*, and the money paid over upon satisfactory proof of ownership being made to the department within twelve months from the date of the sale, otherwise such money shall form part of the general revenue fund.

4. A special inspector of stock may (with the consent of the Minister) by writing under his hand appoint one or more persons to be special deputy inspectors of stock, and the production of a writing purporting to be the appointment of a special deputy inspector shall be *prima facie* evidence of such appointment. Said special deputy inspectors shall receive such remuneration as may be fixed by the Minister.

5. Special inspectors and special deputy inspectors of stock shall for the purposes of this Act have the powers of constables and of brand readers.

INSPECTION BEFORE SHIPMENT.

6. The Minister may from time to time appoint such persons as he may think fit to be inspectors of stock and, for the purposes of this Act, such inspectors of stock shall have all the powers of brand readers as provided in *The Stray Animals Ordinance*.

7. No person shall place any stock consigned to a point outside of the province in a railway car unless such stock has first been inspected by an inspector of stock and such inspector has issued a certificate in or to the effect of form A in the schedule hereto, nor shall any

person who has billed any stock to a point within the province re-bill such stock to a point outside of the province without a certificate by an inspector of stock. The inspector of stock shall be entitled to a fee of five cents per head, with a minimum fee of twenty-five cents, for such certificate:

Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the shipment of stock registered in the records maintained, or approved of by the National Records at Ottawa, and the presentation of the pedigree certificate to the station agent shall be sufficient authority to ship such stock.

8. No certificate shall be issued by any inspector of stock unless the shipper of such stock produces to him a memorandum of sale signed by the person who, from the brand or brands on such stock, appears to be the owner thereof or unless such person or his agent verbally consents to the granting of the certificate by the inspector.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any shipper of stock branded with the recorded brand of such shipper but such shipper shall, before receiving the said certificate, deliver to the inspector a memorandum signed by him or his agent, setting forth the age, sex and brands of each animal.

(3) In the case of unbranded stock the shipper shall sign and deliver to the inspector a memorandum setting forth the age, sex and description of each animal and stating from whom each animal was originally acquired by him or his agent.

THE INSPECTION OF ANIMALS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION
OR PRIVATE SALE.

9. No vendor of any stock, no owner or lessee of any premises where a sale takes place and no auctioneer conducting a sale shall in the case of—

- (a) Stock sold at public auction at any sale yard, sale, exchange or other stable where stock is kept for sale or exchange;
- (b) Stock sold at private sale at any sale yard, sale, exchange or other stable where stock is kept for sale or exchange;
- (c) Stock sold at a farm or other auction or private sale not included in subsections (a) and (b) hereof where stock is offered for sale that has not been on the premises for at least sixty days,

accept settlement for nor deliver possession of, nor allow such stock to be removed from the premises where the sale takes place until an inspector of stock or a brand reader gives to the purchaser a duly signed certificate of such stock, containing a description of each animal, its brands, age, sex, colour and markings, and the vendor shall pay for such certificate the sum of ten cents per head for each animal sold. No inspector of stock or brand reader shall issue such certificate without first securing the memorandum hereinafter referred to and without first personally inspecting the stock and for failure to do so and for gross carelessness or fraud in preparing the description in any certificate he shall be liable to the penalty hereinafter provided.

Every vendor shall give the inspector of stock or brand reader a memorandum duly signed by said vendor setting forth the name and address of the person from whom each animal was acquired.

(2) Every inspector and brand reader shall forward to the department on the first day of each month a copy of all certificates issued by him during the month next preceding, with all memoranda and other data connected with each certificate attached thereto.

10. In case any inspector of stock or brand reader has reason to believe that any certificate of inspection issued by him was improperly issued or that the person to whom it was issued was not for any reason entitled to the same the inspector or brand reader may demand the return to him of such certificate for cancellation and the person then holding the same shall thereupon return such certificate.

11. The inspector of stock or brand reader shall be entitled to a fee of ten cents for every animal inspected by him under this Act and not otherwise provided for with a minimum fee of twenty-five cents for each certificate and the said fee shall be paid to the inspector or brand reader before any certificate of inspection is given by him.

BUTCHERS AND HIDE DEALERS.

12. There shall be taken out by every butcher and by every other person dealing in the purchase and sale of hides a license in form B hereto, good for the current year, for which the person obtaining the same shall pay to the Minister of Agriculture at the time of applying for such license the sum of . . . dollars, and it shall not be lawful for any person, firm, corporation or partnership to engage in business as a butcher or as a dealer in hides without having first obtained such license.

13. Every butcher shall keep a record of all cattle slaughtered by or for him, naming therein the person from whom obtained and his place of residence and the age, sex, brands (if any) and markings of any such cattle, which record shall be kept at the place of business of such butcher and shall at all times be open for inspection by any person, and a copy of such record duly signed shall be sent to the Minister on the first of each month.

14. Every butcher and every other dealer in hides shall keep a record of the hides of all cattle purchased, naming therein the person from whom obtained and his place of residence and the brands (if any) and markings of all such hides, which record shall be kept at the place of business of such butcher or other dealer in hides and shall at all times be open for inspection by any person, and a copy of such record duly signed by the party shall be sent to the Minister on the first of each month.

15. It shall not be lawful for any railway station agent to accept for shipment any hides of cattle excepting those offered for shipment by a licensed butcher or dealer in hides, unless same is accompanied by a certificate of

inspection by an inspector of stock or a brand reader, which said certificate may be obtained from said inspector of stock or brand reader upon the applicant furnishing him with a signed memorandum similar to the record required under section 14 hereof.

16. An inspector of stock or brand reader shall be entitled to a fee of ten cents for each hide inspected and such inspector of stock or brand reader shall be liable to the penalty provided herein if he fails to personally inspect the hide for which a certificate is asked or if he is guilty of negligence in preparing the description of same or if he fails to forward to the Minister on the first of each month a report on all certificates issued, together with the memoranda obtained by him in connection therewith.

17. No person who slaughters any head of cattle shall sell the hide to anyone but a licensed buyer.

18. No person other than the owner of an animal, or his agent, shall remove the hide from the carcass of any cattle found dead.

INSPECTOR'S RETURN.

19. Every special inspector of stock and every inspector of stock appointed under the provisions of this Act shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year, make a return to the Minister setting forth the fees and emoluments received under this Act for the year next preceding and shall at all times furnish the Minister on demand with any information he may require.

PENALTIES.

20. Any person contravening any of the provisions of this Act or of any rules or regulations thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs.

21. The Minister may from time to time make such regulations and prescribe such forms as may be deemed necessary for the proper carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act, and such regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they were included in this Act and herein enacted.

22. *The Stock Inspection Ordinance* is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

THE STOCK INSPECTION ACT.

....., A.D. 1...
I have this day inspected for.....
at..... head of stock described as
follows:

(Here state age, sex and brands of each animal.)

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Inspector of Stock or Brand Reader.

FORM B.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

No..... Fee, \$.

BUTCHER'S AND HIDE DEALER'S LICENSE.

Under and by virtue of the power vested in the Minister of Agriculture under *The Stock Inspection Act* of the Province of Alberta.....of.....in the.....is hereby authorized to buy and sell the hides of cattle under the provisions of the law in that respect, on the premises occupied by him in ..in the Province of Alberta between the.....day of.....and the thirty-first day of December, 191...

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this.....day of....., 191..

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Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

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