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No. 88 of 1926.

An Act respecting Stock Yards.

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Stock Yards Act.*"
2. In this Act and in any regulation made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - (a) "Commission merchant" shall mean any person, partnership or corporation, in Canada, engaged in the business of buying or selling live stock for a commission;
 - (b) "Co-operative association" shall mean any association of persons, either incorporated or unincorporated who are so associated for the purpose of marketing live stock by any customary or reasonable method of co-operative marketing;
 - (c) "Live stock" shall mean meat cattle, sheep, swine and poultry;
 - (d) "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Agriculture;
 - (e) "Stock yards" shall mean any area of land, used for a public market for purchasing and selling live stock, with the buildings, fences, gates, chutes, weigh scales and other equipment, situated thereon and used in connection therewith;
 - (f) "Live stock exchange" shall mean an organization composed of persons engaged in the business of buying and selling live stock, either directly or indirectly through a commission merchant;
3. The Minister shall have power, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations—
 - (a) governing the conduct of live stock exchanges and the issue of licenses to such exchanges;
 - (b) prescribing the persons who are to be entitled to do business at stock yards;
 - (c) providing for the issue of licenses to commission merchants and the giving of security by such merchants;
 - (d) providing for the issue of licences to co-operative associations and prescribing the conditions upon which and the method in which any such association shall be entitled to do business at a stock-yard;

and the terms upon which any such association shall be entitled to become a member of and exercise the rights of membership in a live stock exchange;

- (e) providing for the issue of licenses to owners, lessees, occupiers or operators of stock yards;
- (f) providing for the construction, equipment and inspection of such stock yards;
- (g) approving of by-laws made by exchanges; or
- (h) prescribing by-laws to be complied with by such exchanges;
- (i) prescribing the fees to be charged in stock yards;
- (j) providing for the appointment of inspectors of live stock, live stock yards and live stock exchanges, and any other officers that may be required to carry out the regulations made under the provisions of this Act;
- (k) prescribing the conditions upon which the operation of stock yards may be begun or upon the breach of which they may be closed;
- (l) providing for the grading of live stock:
 Provided, however, that the grading of hogs, as established by regulations made under *The Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act, 1922*, of the Dominion of Canada shall also be the grading established under this Act;
- (m) providing for the inspection, branding and marketing of live stock;
- (n) prescribing the kind or description of live stock, which may be offered for sale at stock yards;
- (o) which are calculated to ensure the fair conduct of live stock exchanges and co-operative associations, or on the part of commission merchants, or owners, lessees, occupiers or operators of stock yards.

4. Any person violating any provision of any regulation made under the provisions of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

5. Any person assaulting, obstructing or interfering with any inspector or officer in the performance of any duty delegated to him by regulations made under the provisions of this Act or refusing to allow any inspector or officer to enter any building or other premises, which by virtue of the said regulations, he is entitled to enter, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or for both fine and imprisonment.

6.—(1) All such regulations shall be laid upon the table of the Legislative Assembly within the first week of the Session next held after the making of such regulations.

(2) All such regulations when made, shall, unless and until disallowed by the Legislative Assembly at its session next held after the making of the same, have the same force and effect as if they were set out at length in the Act.

7. *The Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act (Alberta)*, being chapter 12 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby repealed.

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