Bill No. 18 of 1934.

A BILL TO AMEND THE STOCK INSPECTION ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill defines "butcher" so as to exclude meat retailers who do not slaughter; amends the provisions as to the driving on foot or leading of animals from a point in the Province to a point within the Province twenty miles distant or outside the Province, or to or from forest reserves; and makes new provision for the inspection of stock and poultry carried on a highway in motor trucks.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Stock Inspection Act.

(Assented to

1934.)

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 Inspection Act Amendment Act, 1984."
- 2. The Stock Inspection Act, being chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended as to section 2 thereof by striking out paragraph (bb) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:
 - "(bb) 'Butcher' shall mean any person who being engaged in the business of dealing in the flesh of any cattle, sheep, pigs or poultry (hereinafter called meat animals), slaughters any meat animals in connection with that business."
- **3.** The said Act is further amended as to section 8 thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:
- "8.—(1) No person shall drive on foot or lead any stock from any point in the Province to any other point in the Province distant more than twenty miles, or from any point in the Province to any point without the Province, or to or from a forest reserve unless a permit for that purpose has been first obtained from either the Live Stock Commissioner or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or at any time other than that specified for so doing in the permit.
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 "(2) Every such permit shall be issuable by the Live
 Stock Commissioner or any member of the Royal Canadian
 Mounted Police and shall be in writing, and shall set out
 the name and address of the owner of the stock, a sufficient
 description of the stock and of any brands thereon, and
 the points from and to which the stock is to be driven on
 foot or lead, and the period during which the driving or
 leading is to take place.

 "(3) The permit may be issued either with or without
- "(3) The permit may be issued either with or without an inspection being made of the stock as the issuer thereof may in his discretion think proper: in case an inspection is made the inspecting official shall be entitled to receive a fee of ten cents for each head of stock inspected; otherwise no fee shall be chargeable for a permit.

"(4) Every such permit shall be in force and effect only

during the period mentioned therein.

(5) Every person who is for the time being in charge of any stock which is being driven on foot or lead from any one point in the Province to any other point in the Province distant over twenty miles therefrom, or from any point in the Province to a point without the Province, or to or from a forest reserve, shall whilst so in charge have in his possession the permit for driving on foot or leading the stock and shall produce the same on demand to any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"(6) Every person who purchases any stock which is not branded with the purchaser's recorded brand shall, before driving on foot or leading any such stock from the place where it is purchased to another point in the Province, procure from the vendor of the stock the bill of sale thereof showing the number and description of the stock and the last recorded brands on them, and such bill of sale shall be in the possession of the person for the time being in charge of the stock at any time during which the same are being driven on foot or lead from the place of purchase, and such person shall produce the same on demand to any member of

the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"(7) Any person shall have the right to inspect any stock whilst being driven on foot or lead within the Province, and to compare the brands thereon with those set out in the copy of the beforementioned notice, or the bill of sale, as the case may be, and the person in charge of such stock shall, when required, bring his drove to a halt and produce the said copy or bill of sale for inspection, and shall render assistance in separating from his drove any animals which are claimed by the person making the inspection on his own behalf or that of some other person, and are not comprised in the said copy or bill of sale, and if an inspector or the owner of such animals or his agent so demands shall return them to the place from which they were driven and, in default, shall upon summary conviction be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars and to pay to such owner the expenses occasioned by the removal and return of such animals.

"(8) Any owner or drover or person in charge of any stock which is being so driven or lead who fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section, and any person who interferes or in any way tries to prevent any inspection of any stock which is authorized by this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act."

4. The said Act is further amended by inserting therein, immediately after section 13 thereof, the following new

(1) Every member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, hereafter in this section referred to as an officer, is hereby empowered to inspect at any time without a warrant any motor truck or other motor vehicle in or on which there is being carried any stock or poultry on any highway, as well as the stock and poultry which is being carried thereon.

"(2) Every person having the charge or operation of any motor truck or other motor vehicle on which any stock or poultry is being carried on a highway shall, whenever required by an officer so to do, bring the truck or vehicle to a standstill and shall permit the inspection of the truck or vehicle by the efficer and shall truthfully answer all questions put to him by the officer as to his name and address, the ownership of the vehicle, the ownership of any stock and poultry carried thereon, the place from and the place to which such stock or poultry is being carried, and the names and addresses of persons by and to whom any such stock and poultry is consigned.

"(3) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction therefor to a fine of not less than ten dollars and not more than one hundred dollars and costs, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term of not less than ten days nor more than three months."

5. This Act shall come into force on the first day of May, 1934.

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HON. MR. HOADLEY.

Third time....