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CHRISTCHURCH CITY (ABATTOIR) EMPOWERING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize certain Refunds of Abattoir Fees Title.  
received by the Christchurch City Council.

WHEREAS the Christchurch City Council is the "con- Preamble.  
5 trolling authority" of the Christchurch Abattoir District,  
as defined in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the seventeenth  
day of December, nineteen hundred and four, and of the  
abattoir therein: And whereas during the period that  
10 elapsed between the first day of April, nineteen hundred  
and twenty-six, and the thirty-first day of March, nine-  
teen hundred and twenty-nine, the moneys paid in fees  
to the controlling authority in respect of stock slaughtered  
in meat-export slaughterhouses but sold or exposed for  
15 sale in the said abattoir district were more than sufficient  
to defray the annual cost of the said abattoir during the  
period in question inclusive of the appropriate percentage  
on the capital expended in establishing such abattoir:  
And whereas, on the recommendation of the Honourable  
the Minister for Agriculture, the fees agreed upon under

section twenty-seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908, in respect of such stock were reduced, and a refund was made by the controlling authority to the New Zealand Refrigerating Company, Limited, of two thousand six hundred and seventy-seven pounds twelve shillings: And whereas it is deemed expedient that similar or proportionate refunds of the charges collected by the controlling authority for the use of the abattoir during the said period to the amount of three thousand one hundred and twenty-six pounds one shilling should be made by the controlling authority to the persons or corporations slaughtering in the said abattoir during the said period, and it is desired to validate the said refund so made, and to authorize such payment by the controlling authority:

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Christchurch City (Abattoir) Empowering Act, 1932.

Authority to make refunds of fees.

2. The Christchurch City Council, the controlling authority of the Christchurch Abattoir District and of the abattoir therein, is hereby authorized and empowered, out of its Abattoir Fund, to refund to such users of the said abattoir between the period beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, such sums computed in manner hereinafter appearing, not exceeding the aggregate sum of three thousand one hundred and twenty-six pounds one shilling.

Claims for refunds.

3. Immediately upon the passing of this Act the said controlling authority shall, by public notice advertised in at least one morning and one evening newspaper circulating in the said city, once at least in every week for not less than four weeks, advertise for claims for refunds of the said abattoir fees, and in each of such advertisements indicate that no claims will be received or entertained later than the first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-three.

Claims to be examined. Total amount to be paid.

4. On the said closing-date for claims the controlling authority shall examine all such claims, and may, if in any case it may think fit, call upon any claimant to support his claim by such evidence as he may desire to lead, and, after consideration of such claims and the evidence (if any) supporting them, may pay all or any such claims

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or any part or parts thereof to an amount not exceeding the total sum of three thousand one hundred and twenty-six pounds one shilling.

- 5     **5.** Nothing in this Act shall give rise to any action by any person against the controlling authority to enforce payment of any moneys claimed by him in respect of a refund of such fees or charges, or to entitle any person by any action, writ, or process to compel the controlling authority to examine or pay any claim so received by it. No right of action to enforce payment.
- 10     **6.** The said refund made by the controlling authority to the New Zealand Refrigerating Company, Limited, in respect of that company's agreed proportion of its fees is hereby validated. Validation of refund to New Zealand Refrigerating Company, Limited.