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## CHRISTCHURCH MILK-SUPPLY AND MARKETS AMENDMENT.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Christchurch Milk-supply and Markets Act, 1914. 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 Christchurch Milk-supply and Markets Amendment Act, 1917, and shall form part of and be read together with the Christchurch Milk-supply and Markets Act, 1914. Short Title.
2. The Council shall have power to grant licenses (hereinafter referred to as milk licenses) to retail milk within the city. Power to grant licenses to retail milk.
3. No person shall sell (or deliver) milk within the city unless he shall have obtained a milk license. Unlawful to sell without a license.
4. Before granting a milk license the Council may assign to the applicant a block of houses to the occupiers of which the applicant may sell and deliver milk; the size of a block shall be adjusted to suit the average daily output of milk supplied by the applicant, and a full description of the block shall be endorsed on the license. A block of houses may be assigned to applicant for license.
5. The holder of a milk license shall not (except as hereinafter mentioned) sell or deliver milk anywhere within the city except in the block so assigned to him, nor to any persons other than the residents in or occupiers of house or houses within such block. Holder of license not to sell elsewhere in city.
6. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained to the contrary, the Council may grant milk licenses to persons for the sale of milk at shops within the city, and it shall be lawful for all holders of milk licenses to sell milk to any shop where milk is sold. Sale of milk at shops.

Power of Council to alter boundaries of blocks.

7. The Council may from time to time make alterations in the boundaries of any block, and may from time to time make all such adjustments of boundaries between blocks adjacent to each other as the circumstances may require.

Power of Council to fix retail price of milk.

8. The Council may from time to time fix the retail price at which milk shall be sold within the city, and no one shall demand or receive a higher price than the price so fixed. 5

Power of Council to appoint Inspectors.

9. The Council may from time to time appoint one or more Inspectors for the purposes of this Act.

Powers of Inspectors.

10. An Inspector in the exercise of his functions under this Act may do the following things :— 10

(a.) He may at all reasonable times enter and inspect any dairy and any utensil, machinery, apparatus, or works in a dairy or used in connection with a dairy or with dairy produce, and also any building, place, cart, wagon, or other conveyance used for the storage or carriage of milk within the city. 15

(b.) He may in a dairy or in any house, street, or elsewhere inspect any milk, and may, without payment, take samples thereof for inspection or analysis. 20

Powers of Inspectors.

11. If in any case an Inspector is satisfied of the existence of any of the following defects, that is to say,— 20

(a.) That any such dairy or building is in an unclean or unwholesome condition; or

(b.) That any utensil, machinery, apparatus, cart, wagon, or conveyance in or about such dairy or buildings, or used in connection with milk or the sale or delivery of milk within the city, is in an unclean or unwholesome condition or is otherwise unfit for the purpose; or 25

(c.) That any stock in or about a dairy, or used therewith or in the delivery of milk, is or are diseased within the meaning of the Stock Act, 1908; or 30

(d.) That any person employed in or about any dairy or in the sale or delivery of milk is affected with any contagious or infectious disease within the meaning of the Public Health Act, 1908, or is a member of a household wherein any person is so affected; or 35

(e.) That any food or water supplied to any dairy cattle or stock, or any water used in connection with a dairy, is impure or unwholesome,— 40

he may, by writing under his hand delivered to the owner, consignee, or person in charge (without further name or description), require such defects to be remedied to his satisfaction; and every such order shall be duly obeyed.

Powers of Inspectors.

12. For the purposes of the *last preceding* section every Inspector appointed under this Act shall have the powers and authorities of an Inspector appointed under the Dairy Industry Act, 1908, as set forth in section seven of the said Act. 45

Power of Council to refuse, cancel, or suspend license.

13. The Council may at any time refuse, cancel, or suspend any milk license if in the opinion of the Council it is proved that the person applying for such milk license, or the holder of such milk license, as the case may be, is from any cause unfit to be the holder of such license or has been convicted of any offence under this Act. 50

14. Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds Penalty.  
who directly or indirectly, by himself, his agent, or servant,—

- (a.) Resists or wilfully obstructs any Inspector or other officer under this Act in the performance of his duty; or
- 5 (b.) Refuses to give information or give false information in answer to any inquiry made by such Inspector in the performance of his duty; or
- (c.) Commits any breach of the provisions of this Act.

15. The power of making by-laws vested in the Council by the By-laws.  
10 Municipal Corporation Act, 1908, shall extend to by-laws for all or any of the following purposes:—

- (a.) Regulating the mode of applying for milk licenses, the forms of application, and the fees to be paid by the applicants.
- 15 (b.) Prescribing the form of milk licenses.
- (c.) Regulating the conduct of holders of such licenses.
- (d.) Regulating the mode of cooling, storing, and conveying milk, the mode of distributing milk to the consumers thereof, the hours within which milk shall be delivered, and all other matters incidental to the licensing of milk-vendors and the distribution of milk within the City of  
20 Christchurch.