

Hon. Mr. Duncan.

## SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION AMENDMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1900." Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1905"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1900" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. In this Act and in the principal Act, if not inconsistent with the context — Interpretation.

"Abattoir district" means the district for which an abattoir is established:

15 "Offal" means the blood and other portions of an animal not required for human consumption; but does not include wool, skin, hide, bones, hair, horns, hoofs, or fat when intended to be used for manufacturing purposes:

"Pluck" means the windpipe, lungs, heart, and liver, with the adjacent lymphatic glands.

20 3. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, any person may, on the land or premises in his own occupation, — Slaughtering for private consumption.

(a.) Slaughter stock for consumption by persons resident on such land or employed by him, and not for barter or sale:

25 Provided that, in the case of cattle, a portion of not more than one head per month may be bartered or sold:

Provided also that this paragraph shall not extend to hotels or boardinghouses within an abattoir district:

(b.) Slaughter sheep (not exceeding two sheep in any week) for barter or sale for consumption outside an abattoir district :

(c.) Slaughter swine for barter or sale to any person.

(2.) Where swine are slaughtered for barter or sale elsewhere than in an abattoir or a meat-export slaughterhouse, the head shall not be removed, and the pluck shall be left adhering to the dressed carcase by the windpipe until the carcase is about to be cut up for retail sale or for curing. 5

(3.) If any stock slaughtered under the authority of this section is found to be diseased it shall not be used for human consumption, but shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed by section thirty-five of the principal Act in the case of diseased stock slaughtered at a slaughtering-place. 10

(4.) Every place where stock is slaughtered shall at all times be kept in a sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector. 15

(5.) A correct record of all stock slaughtered under the authority of this section and (where any part thereof is bartered or sold) the names of the persons to whom the same is bartered or sold shall be kept by the occupier of the land or premises on which the stock is slaughtered, and such record shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an Inspector. 20

(6.) Every person who commits an offence against this section is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds.

Repeals.

(7.) This section is in substitution for sections three and four of the principal Act, which sections are hereby accordingly repealed. 25

Where local authority fails to establish abattoir.

4. Where a local authority fails to establish and register an abattoir as required by sections five and six of the principal Act, the Governor in Council may direct such work to be done ; and the Minister may recover the cost of the work as a debt due by the local authority to the Crown, or he may request the Colonial Treasurer to deduct the same from any subsidy payable to the local authority under any Act. 30

Section 7 of principal Act amended.

5. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the words "other than the local authority of a borough or town district." 35

Abattoir districts to be gazetted.

6. (1.) On the registration of an abattoir the Minister shall, by notice in the *Gazette*, define the abattoir district for which the abattoir is established.

(2.) In the case of an abattoir registered before the passing of this Act the Minister shall, within three months after the passing of this Act, by a like notice, define the abattoir district for which such abattoir was established. 40

(3.) On the application of any local authority concerned the Minister may, by a like notice, alter and redefine any such abattoir district. 45

(4.) Every notice by the Minister under this section shall have effect within the abattoir district so defined.

Section 15 of principal Act amended.

7. Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (1), and substituting in lieu thereof the following:— 50

“(1.) In lieu of itself establishing an abattoir a local authority may, with the consent of the Minister, delegate to any fit person or persons the power to establish the same upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on.”

75 8. (1.) Subject to the provisions of the principal Act relating to meat-export slaughterhouses, it shall not be lawful within an abattoir district to slaughter any stock for human consumption or for export, or to dress therein any carcase for sale, except at the registered abattoir, or to sell or expose for sale in any such district any meat  
10 (except tinned meat, ham, or bacon) slaughtered elsewhere than in a registered abattoir.

Stock to be slaughtered at abattoir.

(2.) In any proceedings against any person for a breach of this section it shall lie on him to prove that the breach was not committed within an abattoir district.

15 (3.) This section is in substitution for section seventeen of the principal Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Repeal.

9. Notwithstanding anything in the *last preceding* section or in section nineteen of the principal Act, an Inspector may at any time on application grant a permit for the slaughter of stock outside of a  
20 slaughtering-place for consumption at any Volunteer encampment or at any *hui* or meeting of Maoris, or on any other special occasion.

Permit to slaughter outside of a slaughtering-place in certain cases.

10. A local authority may from time to time make by-laws, not inconsistent with the principal Act or this Act, regulating the working of any abattoir within its district.

Power to make by-laws.

25 11. (1.) Subject to the provisions of the principal Act relating to meat-export slaughterhouses, no license shall be granted in respect of a slaughterhouse within an abattoir district.

No license to be granted in abattoir district.

(2.) This section is in substitution for section twenty of the principal Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Repeal.

30 12. All premises wherein is carried on the business of curing pork shall be registered in the same manner as slaughtering-places are registered.

Pork-curing establishments to be registered.

35 13. No person who is suffering from any infectious disease shall handle or knowingly be allowed to handle meat in any slaughtering-place.

Person suffering from infectious disease not to handle meat.

14. (1.) It shall not be lawful for the licensee or manager of any slaughtering-place to allow any dog to be within any part of the building where carcasses are or where offal is treated.

Provision as to dogs.

40 (2.) It shall not be lawful for any person to feed dogs, or allow them to be fed, with offal, unless it is first boiled.

15. (1.) It shall not be lawful for any person to subject any meat to either or both of the processes known as blowing or spouting.

Blowing or spouting forbidden.

45 (2.) This section is in substitution for section fifty of the principal Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Repeal.

16. Where on the slaughter of stock for human consumption it is found that the same is diseased, the owner shall be entitled to compensation in the cases and to the extent mentioned in the Schedule hereto:

Compensation for diseased stock.

50 Provided that compensation shall not be payable—

(a.) Unless the owner makes application therefor in the prescribed manner and form, and satisfies the Inspector that

the stock so slaughtered is in fact diseased and has been disposed of as required by section thirty-five of the principal Act; nor

(b.) In any case where the stock was rendered unfit for human consumption by means of its advanced pregnancy. 5

Principal Act  
further amended.

17. The principal Act is hereby further amended as follows:—

(a.) As to section twenty-seven thereof: By repealing the words “a district in which there exists a registered abattoir available for the slaughter of stock,” and substituting in lieu thereof the words “an abattoir district.” 10

(b.) As to section thirty thereof: By repealing the words “being a slaughtering-place, saleyard, or other land, building, yard, or premises,” and by inserting after the words “supposed to be” the words “(otherwise than for private use).” 15

(c.) As to section thirty-four thereof: By adding to paragraph two the words “and is satisfied that such carcase will, after being frozen for a reasonable time and afterwards thawed, be fit for human consumption.”

(d.) As to section thirty-eight thereof: By repealing the words “nor in respect of cured hams or bacon.” 20

(e.) As to section forty thereof: By repealing paragraph (b).

(f.) As to section fifty-one thereof: By inserting after the words “feed them,” in paragraph two, the words “or allow them to be fed.” 25

Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

BULLOCKS, heifers, sheep, lambs, and swine	...	Three-farthings per pound, dressed weight, not including the head.
Cows and calves	... ..	One half-penny per pound, dressed weight, not including the head.

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