

PROVINCE OF NELSON.



CATTLE SLAUGHTERING ACT.

IN THE THIRTY-FIRST YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION XVIII., No. 2.

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An ACT to repeal "The Cattle Slaughtering Act, 1863," and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof. Title.

[Assented to 20th June, 1868.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Nelson, in Session X., No. 7, intituled "The Cattle Slaughtering Act, 1863;" and whereas it is expedient that the said Act should be repealed, and other provisions made in lieu thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the Superintendent of the Province of Nelson, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof, as follows:— Preamble.

1. The said recited Act is hereby repealed.

Recited Act repealed.

2. Any person who shall slaughter any cattle on unenclosed land shall forthwith give notice of his having done so to the constable residing nearest to the place where such cattle shall have been killed; and any person who shall neglect to give such notice, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

Persons slaughtering Cattle on unenclosed Land to give Notice to Constable.

Skin to be kept, and may be inspected.

3. Any person who shall slaughter any cattle on unenclosed land shall preserve the skin thereof at his homestead, or at some convenient place to be fixed by the constable residing nearest to the place where such cattle shall have been killed, for the space of fourteen days next after the killing of such cattle, and shall allow any person within that period to inspect such skin; and any such person who shall fail or neglect so to keep such skin, or who shall fail or refuse to show such skin to any person demanding to see the same, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

Person shooting Cattle in Paddocks, &c., liable to Penalty.

4. Any person who shall shoot at any cattle running in any field, paddock, or other enclosed ground, or in the immediate vicinity thereof, or on or near to any highway, so as to endanger human life, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Not to prevent shooting with small Shot.

5. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to render any person liable to any penalty for using a gun in a stock-yard, slaughter-house, or any place of confinement for the purpose of slaughtering cattle, provided the gun be loaded with shot and not with ball, and every proper precaution used to prevent danger to human life.

Penalties recoverable summarily.

6. All penalties incurred under this Act shall be recoverable in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace.

Recovery of a Penalty not to stop Suit or Prosecution.

7. The recovery of a penalty under this Act shall not stop any suit for damages, nor any prosecution for felony arising out of any act in respect of which such penalty shall have been incurred.

Short Title.

8. The short title of this Act shall be "The Cattle Slaughtering Act, 1868."