

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

BRANDING OF CATTLE ORDINANCE, 1866.

IN THE TWENTY-NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN
VICTORIA.

SESSION XV., No. 2.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW FOR THE BRANDING
OF CATTLE IN THE PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

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An Ordinance to amend the law for the Branding of Cattle in the Province of Taranaki. Title.

WHEREAS an Ordinance was enacted by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province of Taranaki intituled the "Branding of Cattle Ordinance 1865" whereby amongst other things provision was made for the Branding of Cattle And whereas it is expedient to repeal so much of the said Ordinance as relates to the Branding of Cattle and to make other provisions in lieu thereof Be it therefore enacted by the Superintendent of the Province of Taranaki with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof as follows :—

1. Clauses 1 to 14 inclusive of the "Branding of Cattle Ordinance 1865" shall be and the same are hereby repealed. Clauses of "Branding of Cattle Ordinance 1865" repealed.

DISTRICTS.

Constitution of Districts.

2. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent from time to time by notice in the Government Gazette of the Province to constitute Districts for the purposes of this Ordinance and in like manner to extend contract or alter the boundaries of any such District and to revoke the notice by which any such District shall have been constituted and in every such District there shall be a Registrar of Brands appointed and such Districts shall be termed Registrar's Districts.

REGISTRAR.

Appointment of Chief and District Registrars.

3. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent from time to time to appoint a fit and proper person to be Chief Registrar of Brands for the Province and also a fit and proper person to be Registrar of Brands within every District constituted as hereinbefore provided and from time to time to remove any person so appointed.

BRANDS AND BRANDING.

Registering Brands.

4. Every person desiring to register a Brand in any District shall produce such Brand to the Registrar of such District and such Registrar shall take two or more imprints of such Brand in such manner as may from time to time be directed by the Chief Registrar of the Province and such Registrar shall forthwith forward one such imprint to the Chief Registrar. And on receipt thereof it shall be the duty of the Chief Registrar to compare the same with the Brands previously registered and if in his opinion such Brand shall be clearly distinguishable from any previously registered it shall be his duty to register the same in a book kept for that purpose affixing a special number thereto and to direct the Registrar to whom application was first made to register the same in a similar manner.

Exposure of Cattle before Branding.

5. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent by notice in the Government Gazette of the Province to appoint places at which Cattle may be exposed for public inspection before Branding.

Branding Cattle.

6. Every person desiring to Brand Cattle must either keep the same exposed for the period of twenty-four hours in a place appointed for the purpose as provided by section 5 of this Ordinance or if he desires to Brand such Cattle without such exposure he may do so after having given three days' notice in writing to the nearest Registrar of his intention so to do and the Registrar to whom any such notice is given shall cause a copy thereof to be posted at the pound or other place appointed for the

exposure of Cattle before Branding situated nearest to the land on which such Cattle are to be Branded Provided always that it shall be lawful for any person to brand Cattle under six months old without such exposure or notice.

7. Every person who shall Brand any Cattle with an unregistered Brand or otherwise contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Five Pounds and not exceeding Fifty Pounds for every head of Cattle so Branded.

Penalty for Branding with an unregistered Brand or otherwise contrary to Ordinance.

8. Every Cattle owner who shall fail to register his Brand within two months after a Registrar shall have been appointed for the District within which such Cattle are depasturing shall be liable to a penalty of not less than One Shilling and not exceeding Twenty Shillings per week for every week after the expiration of the said period of two months during which such Brand shall remain unregistered.

Penalty for not registering Brand.

9. From the date of the passing of this Ordinance the registered Brand on any Cattle shall be *prima facie* evidence of the ownership.

Registered Brand on Cattle *prima facie* evidence of ownership.

10. The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be the "Branding of Cattle Ordinance 1866."

Short Title.

W. M. CROMPTON,
Speaker.

Passed the Provincial Council this third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

JAMES B. LAWSON,
Clerk to the Provincial Council.

Assented to on behalf of the Governor this seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

H. R. RICHMOND,
Superintendent.