THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

Places for the Preparation, Storage, and Sale of Food.

5. Every place used for or in connection with the sale, manufacture, preparation, storage, or packing of food for sale—

- (a.) Shall be lighted and ventilated in accordance with the by-laws of the local authority, or, in the absence of such by-laws, to the satisfaction of an Inspector of Health :
- (b.) Shall, if any waste liquids are produced thereon, be provided with drainage to the satisfaction of the local authority :
- (c.) Shall at all times be kept clean, free from foul odours, and, so far as practicable, free from rats, mice, insects, and other vermin:
- (d.) Shall have properly constructed walls, floors, and roofs, which shall be kept clean and in good repair :
- (e.) Shall, so far as practicable, be used for that purpose only; and no place shall be so used which is at any time used as a sleeping-apartment, or in which any animal is kept, or which is or has been used for any purpose which would be likely to contaminate such food or to affect injuriously its wholesomeness or cleanliness.

6. The owner or occupier of premises used for the manufacture, preparation, storage, or packing of any food for sale which by reason of situation, construction, or disrepair are in a condition whereby such food may be exposed to contamination or taint or may become dirtied or deteriorated, shall, on receipt of a notice signed by the Medical Officer of Health requiring him so to do, cease to use, or shall reconstruct, or shall repair the premises as directed in (and within the time specified in) the notice.

Preparation and Storage of Food.

7. (1.) Food for sale, and every receptacle and appliance used for or in connection with the sale, manufacture, preparation, storage, or packing of any food for sale, shall at all times be kept clean and free from contamination by damp or by foul odours, and shall be protected as far as practicable from access by rats, mice, and other vermin, from flies or other insects, and from dust.

(2.) Every person who sells any food which is ordinarily consumed in the state or condition in which it is sold shall, while it is in his possession or under his control, protect such food from dust and flies and any unwholesome matter by storage in covered receptacles, or by covering with gauze, or by other effectual means.

Fruit and vegetables commonly eaten in an uncooked state shall be protected from flies, dust, and unwholesome matter in such manner as the local authority may by by-law direct, or, in the absence of such by-law, then to the satisfaction of an Inspector of Health.

(3.) No person shall sell any food so packed that it can come into contact with paper or other material that is not clean. No person shall use in the preparation or serving of food for sale any receptacle or appliance which is so damaged as to prevent it being readily cleansed.

(4.) No person shall use any receptacle, appliance, or vehicle in connection with the preparation, manufacture, storage, packing, carriage, or delivery of any food for sale unless such receptacle, appliance, or vehicle is constructed of such material and in such manner as to be easily cleansed and kept clean.

(5.) Every receptacle, appliance, and vehicle used in the carriage or delivery of any food shall at all times be kept clean; no such receptacle, appliance, or vehicle shall at any time be used for the carriage of any matter whereby the wholesomeness, cleanliness, and freedom from contamination of any food carried or usually carried therein would be or might be endangered.

(6.) No person shall use for the preparation of food for sale any vessel or copper which is used for boiling clothes, or for any other purposes which may contaminate or taint such food.

(7.) No person shall keep, carry, spread, or use, or suffer to be kept, carried, spread, or used, any preparation containing arsenic, strychnine, or other poison, so as to expose any food intended for sale to risk of contamination therewith; but nothing herein shall prevent the proper use of spraying-mixtures containing any of these poisons for the purpose of controlling the attacks of insects or other pests upon fruit or vegetables.