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4 George IV – Chapter 22

An Act to repeal a certain Act therein-mentioned, and in part to repeal a certain other Act therein-mentioned, and to make further provisions for the curing, packing, and inspection of Beef and Pork, intended for Exportation. (9th March, 1824.)

Whereas the regulations heretofore made, for the curing, packing and inspection of Beef and Pork, have been found, by experience, to be insufficient; and whereas it would be advantageous to the trade of this Province, that more ample and suitable, provision should be made for the purposes above-mentioned;—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Act passed in the third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide further regulations concerning the Inspection and packing of Beef and Pork, intended for exportation," shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the first day of November next, every barrel in which Beef shall be packed or repacked for exportation from this Province, shall not exceed in contents twenty- nine gallons, wine measure, and that every barrel in which Park shall also be packed or repacked for exportation as aforesaid, shall not exceed in contents thirty gallons, wine measure, and that half-barrels in which such Beef or Pork shall so be packed or repacked, shall severally, contain half the number of gallons above-mentioned; nor shall any salted or pickled Beef or Pork be exported or shipped for exportation after the period aforesaid, in casks exceeding in contents the several quantities of gallons above specified, under the penalty of seizure and forfeiture as provided in the seventeenth section of an Act passed in the forty- fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, intituled, "An Act to regulate the curing, packing, and inspection of Beef and Pork to be exported from the Province of Lower-Canada."

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the bung holes which it may be necessary to make in barrels containing salted Beef or Pork, intended for exportation, pursuant to this Act, shall, instead of being made in the head of the barrel as heretofore, be made on the side or bilge thereof, and that the packing or pressing of the meat shall be done with a screw which the Inspector or Inspectors shall provide for that purpose.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the salt which shall be used for packing, and repacking such Beef and Pork intended for exportation as aforesaid, be clean Saint Ubes, Isle of May, Lisbon or Turk's Island salt, or ether salt of equal quality, and the barrel and half barrels shall be

filled up with sufficiently strong pickle, and to each barrel of Beef or Pork shall be added four ounces of saltpetre, and to each half-barrel of Beef or Pork, shall be added two ounces of saltpetre.

V. And whereas it is requisite for the facility of Trade and the better inspection, safe keeping and future preservation of provisions intended for exportation as aforesaid, that Inspectors of Beef and Pork should be provided with safe, commodious and sufficient warehouses or stores for the reception, deposit and Inspection of such Beef and Pork, and that a certain rate of storage shall be allowed upon each and every barrel that may remain in their respective warehouses or stores beyond a certain time;—Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Inspectors of Beef and Pork, in either of the Cities of Quebec or Montreal, appointed under and in virtue of the aforesaid Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, on providing themselves with good and sufficient warehouses or stores for receiving, packing, repacking and inspecting such Beef and Pork as may be brought or delivered to them for inspection and examination, to charge and demand as storage upon each and every barrel, for and at the rate of three-pence, currency, for the first month, and two-pence, currency, for every subsequent month, which the same may remain in such warehouse or store, after the expiration of three days, from the day on which they may have been inspected: and examined.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, no Inspector shall be bound to cure, pack, repack or inspect Beef or Pork intended for exportation as aforesaid, in any place or places other than the warehouse or store so occupied by him for the purposes aforesaid; and that the eighth, section of the aforesaid Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the curing, packing and inspection of Beef and Pork, to be exported from the Province of Lower-Canada," shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

VII. And whereas by the fourth and fourteenth sections of the aforesaid Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, it is required, that no Beef or Pork shall be packed or repacked in barrels or half-barrels for exportation, unless the same be cut in pieces of certain dimensions, and packed in barrels of a certain description, and brand. And whereas experience has shewn that the requirements of the said sections are insufficient and inapplicable;—Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said sections shall be, and the same are hereby repealed; and that from and after the first day of November next, no Beef shall be packed or repacked in barrels or half-barrels for exportation, unless it be of fat cattle not under four years old; and that all such Beef shall be cut in pieces not exceeding eight pounds weight, nor less than six pounds weight, as nearly as may be; and that all Beef which the said Inspectors shall find, on examination, to have been killed at a proper age, to be fat and merchantable, shall be sorted and divided into two different sorts, for packing and repacking, in barrels and half-barrels, to be denominated Prime Mess Beef and Cargo; Prime Mess Beef shall consist of pieces of good fat cattle, with the ends of the hocks, and half of the neck taken off; and each barrel and half barrel containing Beef of this description, shall be branded on one of the heads with the words, Prime Mess Beef. Cargo Beef shall consist of pieces of fat cattle, of a second quality, with the ends of the hocks, and half of the neck also taken off; and each barrel or half-barrel, containing Beef of this description, shall be branded on one of the heads with the words Cargo Beef. That no Pork shall be packed or repacked in barrels or half-barrels for exportation, unless the same be of good fat Hogs, cut in pieces as nearly square as may be, not exceeding six pounds weight, nor less than four

pounds weight; and that all Pork which the said Inspectors shall find, on examination to be fat and merchantable, shall be sorted and divided into two different sorts, for packing and repacking, in barrels and half-barrels, to be denominated Prime Mess Pork and Cargo. Prime Mess Pork shall consist of pieces of good fat Hogs, of not less weight than one hundred and eighty pounds each; the barrel to contain two half heads, (not exceeding sixteen pounds in weight,) two shoulders and two hams, and the remaining pieces of a Hog; the snout to be cut off, close to the eyes; the lower tusks taken out; the ear cut close to the head; and the tongue, brains, and bloody grizzle taken out; and the remaining pieces well cleaned and washed. And each barrel containing Pork of this description, shall be branded on one of the heads with the words Prime Mess Pork. Cargo Pork shall consist of Hogs, of not less in weight than one hundred pounds each; the barrel to contain pieces of the same description as the first brand, and packed in like manner; and shall otherwise be fat, merchantable Pork. And each barrel containing Pork of this description, shall be branded one one of the heads with the words Cargo Pork. And every half-barrel of Prime Mess or Cargo Pork, shall contain one-half of the quantity of the different kinds and qualities of Pork of a whole barrel.

VIII. And whereas doubts have arisen as to the nature of the duties which the said Inspectors of Beef and Pork are bound, by the ninth Section of the aforesaid Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, to perform for the allowance thereby granted them, and whereas the said allowance is insufficient:—Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every Inspector shall receive one shilling and six-pence, current money of this Province, for each barrel, and ten-pence, like-money, for each half-barrel of Beef or Pork, which allowance shall be in lieu of that allowed by the said section, and shall include all expences, except cooperage, salt and storage.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that each Inspector of Beef and Pork shall, besides the brands, which by the sixth section of the aforesaid Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, he is bound to use, also brand the year and month in which the same shall have been inspected, packed or repacked; and no Beef or Pork intended for exportation as aforesaid, which shall have been so inspected and branded in one year, and re- inspected or repacked in another, shall bear any other brand of the year and month, but that which shall have been originally affixed to it.

X. And whereas abuses are likely to result from Inspectors of Beef and Pork, furnishing articles used for the packing and repacking the same;—Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Inspector shall furnish any of the articles which may be required for the packing and repacking of Beef or Pork, intended for exportation as aforesaid under the penalty of twenty-five pounds, current money aforesaid, for each offence, which said penalty shall be sued for and recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts in the District in which the said offence shall have been committed, having competent jurisdiction, within three months after the offence shall have been committed, one-half of which shall go to the informer, the other to his Majesty, for the public uses of the Province, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form, as His Majesty, his heirs and successors shall be pleased to direct.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and no longer.