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3 George IV – Chapter 8

**An Act to provide further Regulation concerning the Inspection and Packing of Beef and Pork, intended for Exportation. (22d March, 1823.)**

Whereas it is expedient to make further provision with respect to the curing, packing and Inspection of Beef and Pork to be exported from this Province, than hath heretofore been made; 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 from and after the thirty-first day of December next; every barrel in which beef or pork shall be packed or repacked for exportation from this Province, shall not exceed in contents twenty-eight gallons, wine measure, and shall be of the contents aforesaid as nearly as can be, 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 quantity 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."

II. 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 instead of being done as heretofore, shall be done with a screw for the purpose.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the quantity of the salt which each barrel of such Beef or Pork intended for exportation as aforesaid shall contain, shall be left to the judgment of the Inspector of Beef and Pork inspecting the same, any thing in the above-mentioned Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, notwithstanding; Provided nevertheless, that such quantity of salt, shall, not in any case exceed seventy-five pounds weight in any one barrel.

IV. And whereas it is requisite for the facility of trade to authorize the Inspectors of Beef and Pork to provide sufficient Warehouses or Stores for the reception and deposit of such Beef and Pork as they may be required to inspect and repack, and that a certain reasonable 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 further 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, chapter ninth, on providing themselves with good and sufficient Warehouses or Stores for receiving and repacking 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 eight days from the day on which they may have been inspected and examined.

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