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Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1818. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugrin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1818.

58 George III – Chapter 19

An Act for regulating the Inspection of fish for home consumption. Passed the 11th March, 1818.

Whereas, many persons have been in the practice of exposing Fish for sale for home consumption, without having them duly inspected for that purpose, to the great injury of the consumer, for remedy whereof,

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, pickled Herrings for home consumption, shall be packed in Barrels of twenty-eight Gallons at least, which Barrels shall be made of well seasoned timber, free from sap, and have three sufficient hoops on each bilge, and three on each end; the Fish shall be all of one kind, sweet, free from rust, and closely packed, and the Barrels full of strong pickle, and that no Herrings, commonly called Sprats or Fries shall be deemed merchantable.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace in each County at their first General Sessions, to be held after the passing of this Act, or the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, in each and every year, to appoint fit persons to be Inspectors of Fish, for home consumption in each County, Town or Place where such may be necessary; which persons shall give bond in the sum of twenty-five pounds, with two sufficient sureties, and shall be sworn to the diligent and faithful discharge of their trust, and shall continue in such office until other proper persons are appointed in their stead; and every such Inspector so appointed and qualified, shall be allowed and entitled to receive one shilling for each and every Barrel of Fish, so to be Inspected by him, under and by virtue of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for two years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly.