

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1840. York: Robert Stanton, 1840.

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An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, “*An Act to regulate the Packing, Curing, and Inspection of Beef and Pork.*” Passed 10th February, 1840.

Whereas it hath been found expedient to repeal part of and to amend an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of the reign of King George the Third, entitled, “*An Act to regulate the Curing, Packing, and Inspection of Beef and Pork,*” and to extend the provisions of the same: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, “*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, ‘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 by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, the eleventh and thirteenth clauses of the aforesaid Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any person shall wilfully alter, erase, obliterate, or otherwise deface any of the brand marks mentioned in the aforesaid and present Acts, or counterfeit or impress or brand the same on any Casks of Beef or Pork, he, she or they shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit the sum of Twenty Pounds, of current money of this Province, recoverable and to be disposed of in the manner provided by the sixteenth clause of the aforesaid Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, there shall be four qualities of Pork, known and distinguished by the names of Mess, Prime Mess, Prime and Cargo. Mess Pork shall consist of the rib pieces of good fat Hogs only, not weighing less than Two Hundred Pounds each. Barrels containing such Pork shall be branded on one of the heads with the words “Mess Pork.” Prime Mess Pork shall consist of pieces of good fat Hogs, not weighing less than One Hundred and Ninety Pounds, the Barrel to contain coarse pieces of one Hog only, that is to say: two half heads, not to exceed together sixteen pounds in weight, with two shoulders and two hams, and the remaining pieces of a Hog, and Barrels containing such Pork shall be branded on one of the heads with the words “Prime Mess Pork.”—Prime Pork shall consist of the pieces of good fat Hogs of not less than One Hundred and Fifty Pounds weight, to contain the coarse pieces of one Hog and a half-only, that is to say: one and a half heads not exceeding together twenty-four pounds in weight, three hams, three shoulders, and the remaining pieces of a Hog and a half Hog; and Barrels containing such Pork shall be branded on one of the heads with the words “Prime Pork.” Cargo shall consist of the pieces of good fat Hogs of not less than One Hundred Pounds weight, to contain the coarse pieces of two Hogs only, that is

to say: two heads not exceeding together thirty pounds in weight, four shoulders, four hams, and the remaining pieces of two Hogs, and shall be otherwise Merchantable Pork; and Barrels containing such Pork shall be branded on one of the heads with the words "Cargo Pork"; and the Pork so to be packed shall be cut in pieces as nearly square as may be, and not exceeding six or less than four pounds in weight, but in all cases the following parts shall be cut off and not packed, namely: the ears close to the head, the snout above the tusks, the legs above the knee joint; the tail shall be cut off, and the tongue and bloody grizzle taken out; and each Barrel in which Pork of any of the foregoing descriptions may be packed or repacked, shall contain Two Hundred Pounds, and each half Barrel shall contain one half that quantity of the several kinds and qualities above-mentioned; and that each Barrel shall be salted with not less than fifty pounds of the same quality of Salt and the same kind of Pickle, and to each Barrel of Pork shall be added not less than two ounces of Salt Petre, as in the aforesaid Act is provided for packing and inspecting of Beef; and that each Barrel or half Barrel of Pork, when so inspected and packed, shall be branded in the same manner as in the aforesaid Act is provided for the branding of Beef, designating the different qualities or denominations herein described.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal or vary any of the provisions of the said recited Act, excepting so far as the same is expressly repealed in this Act, and that the said Act, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, except the said eleventh and thirteenth clauses, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect.