

LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN NOVA SCOTIA TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION AND SPREAD OF INSECTS AND DISEASES INJURIOUS TO PLANTS.

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A considerable proportion of the worst enemies of plant life on this continent are of foreign origin and some of them are of comparatively recent importation. Realizing the importance of preventing the further introduction of such pests, the various federal, state and provincial governments have, of late years, brought into force various regulations providing suitable machinery for dealing with this danger.

The following pages only deal with provincial legislation; a full account of the Dominion regulations, which refer to Nova Scotia in common with the rest of Canada, may be found in Bulletin No. 12, Second Series, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. In general explanation it may be said, that inspection of nursery stock from other parts of Canada and also, by agreement with the Dominion Government, from the United States of America, is performed by provincial inspectors. Stock originating in other countries is inspected by officials of the Dominion Entomological Branch. The authority under which the inspection of the Dominion and the provincial inspectors perform their duties will be found in the Dominion Act entitled "The Destructive Insect and Pest Act," and the provincial statute entitled, "The Injurious Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, 1911," and the various regulations issued under these two Acts.

The Provincial Act.

The following is the text of the Provincial law:—

An Act to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Insects, Pests, and Plant Diseases Destructive to Vegetation.

(Passed on the 31st Day of March, A. D. 1911)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as "The Injurious Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, 1911."

2. In this Act and in any regulation made thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires:—