

INTRODUCTION.

HAVING lately received the appointment of an Inspector of BEEF and PORK for the City and District of Montreal; from a careful examination of the Act pointing out the duties of this office, I have endeavoured to form conclusions, where the Law is not explicit, according to the true intent and meaning of the Enacting Authority. And as my conceptions of the law will not warrant a conformity of proceeding, in some particulars that have lately prevailed in the department of Inspection in this city, as relates to Pork, there is evidently a misapprehension of the intention of the law, somewhere. Therefore, at the commencement of my business in this capacity, it appears to me expedient, and not foreign to my duty, to lay before the public such parts of the Act, as may be applicable and necessary to be understood by all who are in interest, whether purchaser, seller, or consumer; but, more especially, for the information of gentlemen, who intend to improve this as a market for their Beef and Pork; and to explain the principles and standard that I contemplate as binding upon me to apply in practice. All of which I submit for public consideration; and, if it shall be found that I have formed just constructions of the Statute, I trust that my system will meet with approbation and support.

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