

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PREVENTION OF CERTAIN DISEASES AFFECTING FRUIT TREES.

Chap. 280, R. S. O. 1897.

1. This Act may be cited as *The Yellows and Black Knot Act*, 1897.

2. It shall be the duty of every occupant of land, or if the land be unoccupied it shall be the duty of the owner :

(1) To cut out and burn all black knot found on plum or cherry trees on his land so often each year as it appears on such trees ; and

(2) To cut down and burn any peach, nectarine or other trees on his land infected with the disease known as the yellows, and to destroy all the fruit of trees so infected.

3.—(1) The council of any county, city, town, township, or incorporated village, may, and upon a petition of fifteen or more rate-payers, shall by by-law, appoint at least one inspector to enforce the provisions of this Act in the municipality, and fix the amount of remuneration, fees or charges he is to receive for the performance of his duties, and in case a vacancy shall occur in the office of inspector, it shall be the duty of the council to fill the same forthwith ; and the council (in any municipality where peaches are grown) shall also by by-law appoint three or more persons resident in the municipality, who shall constitute a board of fruit tree inspection, to which appeals shall lie from the order or decision of the said inspector.

(2) The council may pass a by-law dividing the municipality into such sections or divisions as may be necessary for the carrying out of this Act, and may appoint inspectors for such divisions whose duties and powers shall in all respects be the same as that of the township inspector.

(3) Where an inspector is appointed by a county council, his duties shall be to aid the local inspectors in enforcing the provisions of this Act, and where no local inspector is appointed by a municipality the inspector appointed by the county council shall have all the powers of a local inspector within such municipality.

4. If written complaint be made to the inspector that yellows or black knot exists within the municipality, in any locality described in such complaint, with reasonable certainty, he shall proceed to examine the fruit trees in such locality, and if satisfied of the presence of either disease he shall immediately give notice in writing to the owner or occupant of the land whereon the affected trees are

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