

An Act to amend the law respecting the Inspection of Leather and Raw Hides.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter twenty-one, intituled: "An Act to regulate the Inspection of Raw Hides and Leather;" Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. No green raw hide weighing more than twenty pounds avoirdupois, produced within the limits of the Inspectors of Leather and Raw Hides for any city or town for which an Inspector of Leather is now or may hereafter be appointed, shall be offered for sale or sold within the said city or town, unless it shall have previously been inspected in accordance with the law; this provision shall not apply to green raw hides produced without the inspection limits of the said Inspectors, but every purchaser of such hides shall cause them to be inspected after he shall have purchased or acquired them, and before selling them or disposing of them in any way whatsoever.

Green raw hides must be inspected in certain cases.

2. Every such Inspector shall mark or stamp on each hide the net weight of such hide; and such hides shall be inspected without the horns, muzzles, snouts or hoofs, and the Inspector, if he is required so to do, shall give a certificate of the net weight of such hide, without any charge for such certificate.

Weight to be marked on them, and certified if required.

3. Every Inspector shall subtract from the weight of each raw hide all dirt and parts injured by knife cuts, and any other thing which ought not to be computed in the weight of the hides, and may add to such weight all that such hides may have lost by drying; the whole at his discretion; he shall also classify them as number one, two, or damaged, as the case may be.

How the weight shall be reckoned.

Classification.

4. Every Inspector as aforesaid shall be entitled for the inspection of such hides to a fee of five cents for each hide in lots under one hundred in number, and four cents for each hide in lots over one hundred in number.

Fees.

5. The following sub-section shall be added to section seventeen of the Act to regulate the Inspection of Raw Hides and Leather: "But the Inspector shall not be responsible for any damage resulting from a defect not exceeding five per cent. on the whole weight of such leather by him inspected."

Subsection added to sect. 17.

6. The word "skins," in the nineteenth section of the said Act, shall be replaced by the word "leather" in the English version thereof, and the said section of the English version shall read as if it contained the said word "leather."

Section 19 amended.

7. The thirty-fifth section of the Act is hereby repealed in regard to the cities and towns aforesaid as respects such green raw hides.

Section 35 partially repealed.

8. Every offence against the above provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not more than eighty dollars, for the recovery whereof a suit may be brought, heard and decided in the manner and form prescribed by the said Act, and the amount recovered shall be applied as directed by the said Act.

Fine for offences against this Act.