

or hereafter may possess, or any part thereof, to secure payment of any money which the said Company may borrow, to enable them to enlarge or carry on their business, and for the general purpose of the said Corporation.

CAP. VI.

An ACT to regulate the Packing and Inspecting of Salted Beef and Pork for Exportation.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is necessary for the encouragement of raising neat Cattle and Hogs, as staple articles of exportation from this Province, to apply every necessary precaution to prevent Salted Beef and Pork being shipped otherwise than in the best manner and condition, and under certain regulations:

Appointment
of Inspectors
of Beef and
Pork

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly,* That, from and after the publication hereof, the Grand Juries of the several Counties and Districts in this Province, at the General Sessions of the Peace in each of the said Counties and Districts wherein, by Law, Town Officers are to be nominated and appointed, shall nominate, out of every Township in such County or District, four fit persons, out of whom the said Court of Sessions shall appoint two, to be Inspectors and Repackers of Beef and Pork, intended for Exportation, which Inspectors and Repackers shall hold and exercise their said office, for and during the year succeeding their nomination and appointment, and until others shall be appointed in their stead, and shall, within eight days after notice of their appointment, and before they enter upon the execution of their office, take the following Oath before some Justice of the Peace, for the County wherein they reside, viz—

I, A, B, do swear that I will faithfully, truly and impartially, according to the best of my judgment, skill and understanding, execute, do and perform, the office and duty of an Inspector and Examiner of Beef and Pork, according to the true intent and meaning of the Laws of this Province, relative to the same.

Pork Barrels,
their size, etc.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the publication of this Act, every Barrel or half Barrel in which Pork shall be packed or repacked, shall be made of good seasoned White Ash, or White Oak Staves and Heading, free from Sap, and every defect; and each Barrel shall contain Two Hundred Pounds weight of Pork, and shall be of not less Gauge than Twenty-seven, nor more than Twenty-eight Gallons; and each half-barrel shall contain One Hundred Pounds weight of Pork, and shall not be of less Gauge than Fourteen, or more than Fifteen Gallons: the Barrels to measure sixteen inches between the Chimes, and to be Twenty-eight inches long; to be hooped with two Iron Hoops at the least, and fourteen Ash Oak or Hickory Hoops; the heads to be made of good thick stuff, and the Hoops to be well set and drove; the half-barrels to be hooped in the same manner as the whole Barrels.

Beef Barrels

III. *And be it further enacted,* That every Barrel in which Beef shall be packed, shall be in all respects the same as the Barrels in which Pork shall be packed, except that the barrel in which Beef shall be packed may contain Thirty Gallons.

Duties of Ins-
pector, etc.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That the Inspectors and Repackers so to be appointed, shall examine and sort all Pork and Beef to be by them repacked, in the following manner: there shall be three qualities of Pork known and distinguished by the names of Mess, Prime and Cargo; that Mess Pork shall consist of the rib pieces of good Fat Hogs only; Prime Pork shall consist of the next best pieces with not more than three Shoulders in one Barrel, and the said Barrel shall contain no Legs, and no more than Twenty Pounds of Heads, from which the Ears and Snouts above the tusks shall be cut off, and the Brains and Bloody Grizzel taken from out of the Heads; and the third quality of Pork shall be nominated Cargo Pork, of which there shall not be more in one Barrel than four Shoulders without the Legs as aforesaid, and not more than two Heads with the Ears and Snouts cut off, and Brains and Bloody Grizzel taken out as aforesaid, which