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S. D. A. A. STORO.

Teeswater, Ont., May 1st, 1899.

The last sentence in the reply referred to in FARMING for April 25th is somewhat misleading. It was not the intention to convey the idea that damages could be collected from the municipality when a council decides not to levy the dog tax, but to state that damages could be collected from the owner or keeper of the dog or dogs, whether there was a dog tax collected in the municipality or not. The reply was prepared rather hurriedly before going to press, which may account for the lack of clearness in the last paragraph.

The act relating to sheep worrying and the dog tax is given in chapter 271 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

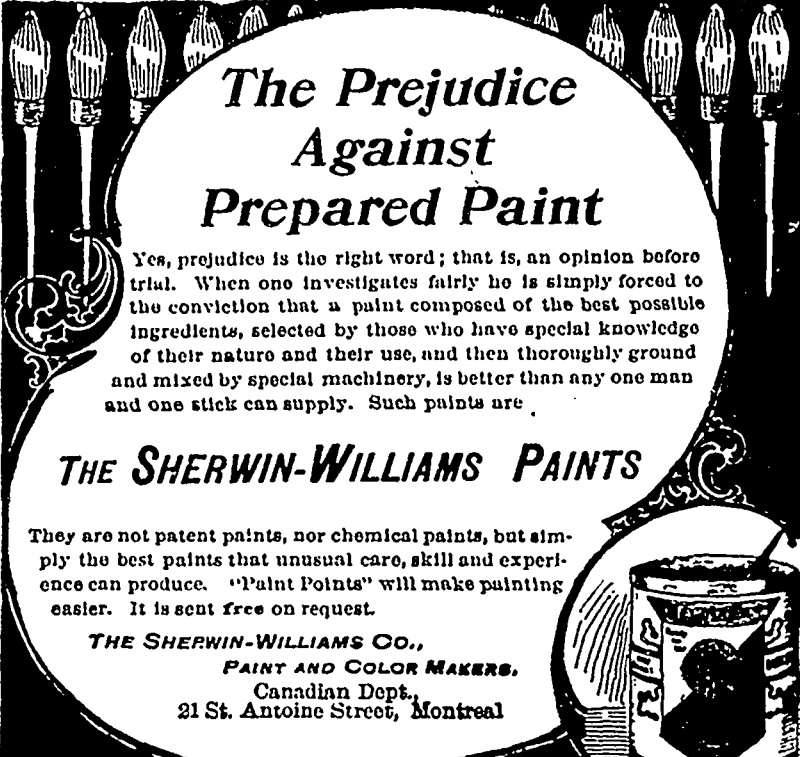
The sections of the act pertaining to the above questions are as follows:

Sec. 2. Upon the petition of twenty-five ratepayers the council of any city, town, township or incorporated village may provide by by-law that the said tax or any part of it shall not be levied in said municipality.

Sec. 17. In case the owner of any sheep or lamb so killed or injured proceeds against the owner or keeper of the dog that committed the injury before a justice of the peace as provided by this act, and is unable on the conviction of the offender to levy the amount ordered to be paid for want of sufficient distress to levy the same, then the council of the municipality in which the offender resided at the time of the injury shall order their treasurer to pay to the aggrieved party two-thirds of the amount ordered to be paid by the justice under the conviction, in addition to the costs of the proceedings before the justice and before the council.

Sec. 18. The owner of any sheep or lamb killed or injured by any dog, the owner or keeper of which is not known, may within three months after the killing or injury apply to the council of the municipality in which such sheep or lamb was so killed or injured for compensation for the injury; and if the council is satisfied that the aggrieved party has made diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the owner or keeper of such dog, and that such owner or keeper cannot be found, they shall award to the aggrieved party for compensation a sum not exceeding two-thirds of the amount of the damage sustained by him; and the treasurer of the municipality shall pay over to him the amount so awarded.

Sec. 21. If the council of any city, town, township, or incorporated village by by-law decides to dispense with the levy of the aforesaid tax on the municipalities within its jurisdiction, the owner of any sheep or lamb may, notwithstanding, sue the owner or keeper of any dog or dogs for the damage or injury done by the said dog or dogs to the said sheep or lamb; and the



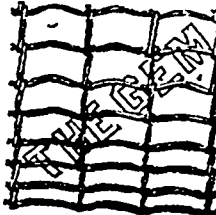
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