

Limitation of actions for things done under this Act.

Defendant may plead the general issue.

Defendant may have double costs.

31. If any suit or action be brought against any person, for any forfeiture or penalty, under the provisions of this Act, such action or suit shall be commenced within six months next after the matter or thing done, and not afterwards, and the defendant may plead the general issue, and give this Act and the special matter in evidence, at any trial therein, and if afterwards, judgment is given for the defendant, or the plaintiff be non-suited, or discontinue his action after the defendant shall have appeared, then such defendant shall have double costs against such plaintiff, and the like remedy for the same, as any defendant hath in other cases to recover costs at law.

Board of Trade to examine into complaints against inspectors.

32. The Council of the Board of Trade at any place where an inspector may be appointed under this Act (or in the absence of a Board of Trade, the chief municipal officer) may examine into any complaint made against such inspector or joint inspector of pot and pearl ashes for neglect or improper performance of any of his or their duties; and if the Council of the said Board of Trade decide that such complaints are well founded, and that such inspector or joint inspector ought to be removed from office, they may notify the mayor or other head of the municipality, who shall thereupon, within thirty days after such notification (under penalty of five hundred dollars to be incurred by him for neglect to do so) remove such inspector and appoint another in his stead, upon the requisition of the said Council.