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No. 60.

3d Session, 3d Parliament, 13 Victoria, 1850.

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An Act to amend and consolidate the
Laws regulating the Inspection of
Flour and Meal.

Received and Read a first time, Wednesday, 5th
June, 1850.

Second Reading, Wednesday, 12th June, 1850.

MR. HOLMES.

BILL.

An Act to amend and to continue as amended the
Laws regulating the Inspection of Flour and
Meal.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Acts rela- Preamble.
tive to the Inspection of Flour and Meal and of
Oatmeal, and further continue the same as amended: Be
it therefore enacted, &c.

5 That so much of the twelfth section of the Act passed in
the session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Part of Sect.
12 of 4 and 5
Vict. c. 89, re-
pealed.
Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to regulate the
Inspection of Flour and Meal,*" as in the words following:

10 "And in all cases where the quality of the Flour
"or Meal inspected may appear to be inferior to the
"brand or other mark of the manufacturer, and not to be
"properly designated by the brand or mark, it shall be
"the duty of the Inspector or Assistant Inspector, and
15 "he is hereby authorized and required, to erase and cor-
"rect the same,"

And so much of the said section as is in the words fol-
lowing:

20 "Provided always, That no Flour or Meal which shall
"have been so branded, marked or inspected in one
"month or year, and re-inspected and examined in
"another, shall bear any other brand or mark of the year
"and month, than that originally affixed to it,"
Shall be and is hereby repealed.

25 **II.** And be it enacted, That the fourteenth section of Sect. 14
amended.
the said Act shall be construed and have effect as if the
words "branded or marked otherwise than is required by
"this Act" were inserted at the end of the said section,
instead of the words "not branded or inspected, and
"marked otherwise than is required by this Act."

30 **III.** And be it enacted, That the twenty-first section Sect. 21 of the
said Act and
Sect. 5 and 6
of the Act 11
Vict. c. 6
repealed.
of the said Act, and the fifth and sixth sections of the Act
passed in the eleventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and
intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the Act for
Inspection of Flour and Meal, and to provide for the
35 Inspection of Oatmeal,*" shall be, and are hereby re-
pealed; and instead thereof be it enacted,

That in branding or marking the different qualities or Standard of
quality
established.
descriptions of Flour, the same shall be designated as fol-

lows, that is to say:— That of a very superior quality by the words *Extra Superfine*; that of the second quality, by the words *Superfine*; that of the third quality, by the words *Superfine No. 2*; that of the fourth quality, by the word *Fine*; that of the fifth quality, by the words *Fine Middlings*; that of the sixth quality, by the word *Middlings*; that of the seventh quality, by the word *Pollards*; and the quality called *Farine Entière*, by the letters E. N. T., by which latter description of Flour shall be understood the whole produce of the wheat when ground, excepting the coarse bran and pollards; and all Flour so branded or marked, shall be equal in quality to Flour inspected at the City of New York, in the United States of America, and bearing the like brand or mark of quality; and it shall be the duty of each Inspector of Flour and Meal in this Province to procure proper and certified samples of the several qualities of Flour, certified as being the correct standard by the head Inspector of Flour in New York, and to guide himself by such samples; and in the event of any change in the number of grades or qualities of Flour being adopted in New York during the continuance of this Act, it shall be the duty of the several Inspectors in this Province to conform to such change; and in branding or marking the different qualities of Rye Flour, Indian Meal and Oatmeal, the words *Rye Flour*, *Indian Meal*, or *Oatmeal*, shall be plainly branded or marked on each and every barrel or half barrel, to designate the grain from which the same is made, and the qualities shall be designated, as follows; that is say: That of very superior quality by the word "*First*," that of the next inferior quality by the word "*Second*," that of the next inferior quality by the word "*Third*," and that of the lowest quality by the word "*Unbrandable*;" and when the grain from which Flour and Meal, of any description, is manufactured, had been previously kiln dried, the same shall be branded and marked by the Packer on each and every barrel or half barrel, either at length or by the the word and letters "*Kiln D.*"

IV. And be it enacted, That the twenty-second and twenty-third sections of the Act first above cited shall be, and is hereby repealed.

Weights of
barrels and
half-barrels of
Flour and
Meal.

V. And be it enacted, That every half barrel of Flour shall contain 98 lbs. net, and every barrel of Flour shall contain 196 lbs. net; every half barrel Rye Flour shall contain 98 lbs net, and every barrel of Rye Flour shall contain 196 lbs. net; every half barrel Indian Meal shall contain 84 lbs. or 98 lbs. net, and every barrel of Indian Meal shall contain 168 lbs. or 196 lbs. net; every half barrel of Oatmeal shall contain 112 lbs. net, and every barrel Oatmeal shall contain 224 lbs. net; and it shall be

the duty of the Packer or Manufacturer, to brand, paint or mark the initials of his Christian name, and also brand, paint or mark his surname at full length, and the name of his mill or place of packing, the quality and weight
 5 of the Flour or Meal therein contained, and the tare of the cask, on one end of each and every barrel or half barrel of Flour or Meal packed for sale, in a plain and distinguishable manner, under a penalty of *two shillings* currency, for each any every barrel or half barrel offered
 10 for sale or Inspection, with regard to which the requirements of this section have not been complied with.

VI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing Proviso: as to existing contracts. in this Act shall invalidate, or in any way alter, the true intent and meaning of any existing contracts for the purchase or sale of Flour, based on the standard of Inspection
 15 heretofore established and in use in Quebec and Montreal, and that the quality of all and any Flour so contracted for, purchased or sold, shall, on the requisition of any parties interested in such contract, purchase, or sale, be ascer-
 20 tained and tested by the Inspector according to the standard of Inspection in use by him, immediately previous to this Act taking effect, and the said Inspector shall give a Certificate of the quality of the said Flour according to the said standard, but shall nevertheless,
 25 if required, brand on the barrels the quality of the Flour according to the standard of Inspection now by this Act established.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Acts as hereby Duration of the said Acts and of this Act amended, and subject to the provisions of this Act, shall
 30 be and are hereby continued and shall remain in force until the day of and thence until the end of the then next session, and no longer, until which time and no longer this Act shall remain in force.