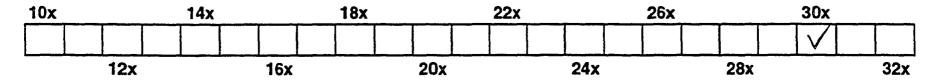
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An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts to impose a tax on Dogs, and to provide for the better protection of sheep in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Act chap-preamble ter thirty-nine of the 29th Victoria, intituled, "An Act to impose a tax on dogs and to provide for the better protection of sheep in Upper Canada;" Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- 5 1. The Act passed in the twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign, Repeal. and chaptered thirty-nine, intituled, "An Act to impose a tax on dogs, and to provide for the better protection of sheep in Upper Canada," is hereby repealed.
- 2. There shall be levied annually in every Municipality in Upper Tax on dogs.

 10 Canada, upon the owner of each dog therein, an annual tax of one dollar for each animal.
- 3. The assessor or assessors of every Municipality at the time of Entry of making their annual assessment, shall enter on his roll opposite the owner. name of every person assessed, and also shall enter the name of every 15 resident inhabitant not otherwise assessed, being the owner of any dog or dogs, and the number by him or her owned or harboured, in a column prepared for the purpose.
- 4. The owner or harbourer of any dog, shall when required by the Statement by. assessor, deliver to him in writing the number of dogs owned or har20 boured by him or her, whether one or more, and for every neglect or refusal to do so, and for every false statement made by the owner or harbourer of any dog, shall incur a penalty of five dollars to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the Municipality, together with costs.
- 5. The assessors of every Municipality shall, within the time required Duplicate by law for the completion of their assessment rolls of real and personal lists. property, make out a duplicate of the lists so by them made, containing the names of the owners and possessors of dogs liable to taxation under this Act, with the amount payable by each person, and shall annex 35 thereto a direction to the collector of the Municipality to levy, raise and collect the several sums in such lists specified, of the persons respectively opposite to whose names the said sum shall be set, according to law, and pay over the same to the Clerk or Treasurer, as may be directed by the Municipality: and such lists shall be signed by the as-40 sessors, and shall be by them immediately delivered to the collector.
 - 6. The collector's roll shall contain the name of every person en-collection of tered on the assessment roll as the owner or harbourer of any dog or rate.

dogs with the tax hereby imposed, in a separate column, and the collector shall proceed to collect the same and at the same time and with the like authority and make returns to the Treasurer of the Municipality, in the same manner and subject to the same liability for paying over the same in all respects to the Treasurer as in the case of other 5. taxes levied in the municipalities.

Rate to form a fund.

7. The moneys so collected and paid to the Clerk or Treasurer of any Municipality, shall constitute a fund for satisfying such damages as may arise in any year, from dogs killing or injuring sheep in such municipality, and the residue, if any, shall form part of the assets of 10. the municipality for the general purposes thereof.

dog.

Liability of S. The owner or harbourer of any dog, that shall kill, wound or owner of any otherwise injure any sheep or lamb, shall be liable for the value of dog. such sheep or lamb to the owner thereof, without proving notice to the owner or possessor of such dog, or knowledge by him, that his dog 15. was mischievous or disposed to kill sheep.

Proceedings.

9. The owner of any sheep that may have been killed or injured by any dog or dogs, may apply to any Justice of the Peace for the County, who shall enquire into the matter of complaint and examine such owner and his witnesses (if any) upon oath, and if satisfied that such sheep 20. had been killed or injured by any dog or dogs, and upon the evidence produced, the Justice shall be satisfied to whom such dog or dogs belong, such owner or owners if more than one, shall be liable to pay the amount of damages provided to have been sustained by such owner of the sheep killed or injured by the owner, or if more than one owner of 25 such dog or dogs, equally upon the order and decision of the Justice before whom the complaint was made, and each Justice shall have the same authority to summon witnessess and to enforce payment of damages and costs by distress and sale in the same manner as provided by chapter one hundred and three of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, 30., respecting the duties of Justices of the Peace out of session in relation to summary conviction and orders, with the right of appeal by either party aggrieved, as by law provided in cases of summary conviction.

In case of owner of dog be unknown:

10. If the party injured shall make oath that upon diligent search and enquiry he has not been able to discover the owner or harbourer 35. of the dog or dogs by which such damage or injury has been done, or shall fail to recover the amount of damages or injury adjudged from the owner or harbourer of such dog or dogs, if known, for want of distress, the Justice before whom the complaint was made, shall certify to the facts that such owner or owners cannot be found, or that if known, 40 that there were no goods found upon which to levy the same, and the amount of damages by him adjudged, and upon the production of the certificate of such Justice to the effect aforesaid, being served upon or left with the clerk of the Municipaltty, it shall be the duty of such clerk to lay the same before the Municipal Council at its next 45. meeting.

Payment of damages.

11. The Municipal Council shall issue its order on the Treasurer for the amount of the damages appearing by the certificate of the Justice of the Peace to have been sustained by the owner of any sheep killed or injured by dogs, when they shall be satisfied that the owner or har- 50 bourer of such dogs, cannot be discovered, or that the party injured has failed to recover such damages of such owner or harbourer, and

such amount shall be paid by the Treasurer from and out of the funds constituted by the seventh section of this Act, and from no other fund whatsoever; Provided always, that after such damages shall have been paid by the Treasurer as aforesaid, in cases where the owner of any 5 dog or dogs could not be found, shall afterwards be identified and proved, it shall be the duty the Clerk of the Municipality to make complaint before a Justice of the Peace for the County, who shall summon such reputed owner, and shall proceed to try the case and determine the same in the manner provided by the ninth section of this Act 10 for compelling the owners of dogs killing or injuring sheep to pay the damages.

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- 13. If after receiving the amount of such damages from the Trea-Repayment ire surer of the Municipality, the owner of the sheep so killed or injured, certain cases—shall recover the value thereof, or any part of such value from the owner or possessor of any dog, he shall refund and repay to the Trea-25 surer of the Municipality the sum so received from him, and it shall be the duty of the cierk of the Municipality to bring an action against such owner to recover such amount and such amount when recovered shall form part of the fund constituted by the seventh section of this Act.
- 14. Any person may kill any dog which he may see chasing, worry- when dog 30 ing or wounding any sheep, unles the same shall be done by the direc- may be killed tion or permission of the owner of the sheep or of his servant.
- given, of any injury done by his dog to any sheep, or of his dog having called.

 chased or worried any sheep, shall within forty eight hours after such

 55 notice cause such dog to be killed, and for every neglect so to do, he
 shall forfeit a sum of two dollars and fifty cents, and a further sum of
 one dollar and twenty-five cents, for every forty-eight hours thereafter
 until such dog be killed; provided that it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Justice of the Peace, before whom such suit shall be

 40 brought for the recovery of such penalties, that such dog has chased,
 worried or otherwise injured such sheep; and provided also, that no
 such penalties shall be enforced in case it shall appear to the satisfaction of such Justice of the Peace, that it was not in the power of such
- 45 in cases of prosecutions under this Act as it is lawful for him to do in tices. other cases within his jurisdiction.
 - 17. This Act shall apply to Upper Canada only.

owner or harbourer to kill such dog.