

S. F. No. 166.

CHAPTER 130.

Weighing and inspecting grain.

An act to amend chapter ninety-nine of the general laws of the year 1891, being an act entitled "an act amending chapter one hundred and forty-four of general laws of 1885, relating to weighing and inspecting of grain."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

Amending general laws of 1891, chap. 99.

SECTION 1. That section seventeen of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the general laws of the year 1885, as amended by chapter ninety-nine of the general laws of 1891, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

State supervision of weighing grain.

Sec. 17. Said state weighmaster and assistants shall, at the places of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Cloud, supervise and have exclusive control of the weighing of grain and other property which may be subject to inspection, except when otherwise ordered or directed by the party shipping the same, and the inspection of scales; and the action and certificates of such weighmaster and his assistants in the discharge of their aforesaid duties shall be conclusive upon all parties, either in interest or otherwise, as to the matters contained in said certificates.

SEC. 2. That said chapter one hundred and forty-four of the general laws of the year 1885, as amended by chapter ninety-nine of the general laws of 1891, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

Weighmasters to make true weights and keep record of same.

Sec. 51. All state weighmasters and assistants provided for by this law and the amendments thereto shall be required to make true weights under the penalties hereinbefore provided, and in addition thereto keep a correct record of all weighing done by them at the places hereinbefore named, in which record shall be entered an accurate account of all grain or other property weighed, or the weighing of which was supervised by them or their assistants, giving the amount of each weight, the number of the car or cars weighed, if any, the initial letter of said car or cars, place where weighed, date of weighing and contents of car.

To furnish certificates of weights.

Sec. 52. Said weighmaster and assistants shall give upon demand to any person or persons having weighing done a certificate under his hand and seal, showing the amount of each weight, number of car or cars weighed, if any, the initial of said car or cars, place where weighed, date of weighing and contents of car. And it is hereby provided that said weighmaster's certificate shall be admitted in all actions, either at law or in equity, as prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained, but the effect of such evidence may be rebutted by other competent testimony.

Certificates to be prima facie evidence.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 5, 1893.