

for the custody of money, bank notes, jewelry, articles of gold and silver manufacture, precious stones, personal ornaments, railway mileage books or tickets, negotiable or valuable papers, and bullion, and who keeps on the doors of the sleeping rooms used by guests suitable locks or bolts and suitable fastenings on the transoms and windows of said rooms, and who keeps a copy of this section, printed in distinct type, constantly and conspicuously posted in the office and on the inside of the entrance door of every bedroom and to every parlor and other public room in the building, shall be liable for the loss of or injury to property suffered by any guest unless such guest has offered to deliver the same to such innkeeper or hotel keeper for custody in such metal safe or vault, and such innkeeper or hotel keeper has omitted or refused to take the same and deposit it in such safe or vault for custody and to give such guest a receipt therefor. Provided, however, that the keeper of any such inn or hotel shall not be liable for the loss, destruction or injury of or to any property hereinbefore described for more than the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) unless the same shall be lost, destroyed or injured through theft or negligence of such innkeeper or hotel keeper. *Provided further that no keeper of any inn or hotel shall be required to accept for safe keeping as aforesaid property in excess of the value of five hundred (\$500) dollars unless such acceptance thereof is in writing.*"

Sec. 2. **Liability of hotel and innkeeper.**—Add to said Chapter 511 of the Session Laws of 1919 another section to be known as Section 2½ to be inserted between Sections 2 and 3 of said Chapter 511, which new section so inserted shall read as follows:

"Section 2½. The liability of the keeper of a hotel or inn for loss, injury or damage to the personal property of a guest of the character described in Section 2 aforesaid, while contained in the room assigned to such guest, shall be that of a bailee for hire and such liability shall not exceed for any one guest on account of such property the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, provided that such loss or damage to such property shall not have resulted from the fault or negligence of such hotel or innkeeper."

Approved April 23, 1921.

CHAPTER 480—S. F. No. 373.

An act to amend Chapter 141 of the Laws of 1913 relative to the sale of agricultural seeds, their labeling and supervision for the enforcement of this act and the free testing of crop seeds by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.

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

Section 1. **Definitions.**—The term "agricultural seeds" or "agricultural seed" as used in this act shall include the seeds of red

clover, white clover, alsike clover, alfalfa, Kentucky bluegrass, timothy, brome grass, orchard grass, redtop, meadow fescue, oat grass, rye grass, and other grasses and forage plants, corn, flax, rape, wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat and other cereals, and when the term "agricultural seed" or "agricultural seeds" is used in this act it shall be construed to mean such seed when sold, or offered or exposed for sale, or had in possession with intent to sell, within this state for purposes of seeding.

Sec. 2. All seeds to be labeled.—The owner or person in possession of each and every package, parcel or lot of agricultural seed as defined in Section one (1) of this act which contains one (1) pound or more of such agricultural seeds, whether in package or in bulk, shall affix thereto in a conspicuous place on the exterior of the container of such agricultural seeds a written or printed label in the English language in legible type or copy not smaller than eight point heavy Gothic caps, such label containing a statement specifying:

1st. The commonly accepted name of the kind or kinds of such agricultural seed; if the name of the special variety or strain of such seed is used, it must be the true name of such special variety or strain.

2nd. The approximate percentage of germination of such agricultural seed together with the date of test of germination.

3rd. The approximate percentage by weight of each of the following seeds; quack grass (*Agropyron repens*), Canada thistle (*Carduus arvensis*), perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*) and dodder, species of *Cuscuta* if any such are found in such agricultural seed.

4th. The approximate percentage by weight of pure seed in such agricultural seed.

5th. If grown in this state, the words "grown in Minnesota" and in the case of corn, the county in which grown, if imported into this state, the name of such State or Country from which it was imported.

6th. The full name and address of the seedsman, importer, dealer or agent or other person or persons, firm or corporation selling, offering or exposing the said agricultural seed for sale.

Sec. 3. Exceptions.—The provisions concerning agricultural seed contained in this act shall not apply to:

1st. Any person selling agricultural seeds to be cleaned or graded before being offered for sale for the purpose of seeding and plainly marked on the outside of container "not cleaned seed."

2nd. Agricultural seed marked plainly on the outside of container, "not cleaned" and held or sold for export outside the state only.

3rd. Lawn grass mixtures. This shall not exempt, however,

the vendor of such mixtures from the provisions of Section 2, Subdivisions 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th.

Sec. 4. Violations—Penalties.—Any person, firm or corporation who sells, offers or exposes for sale or distribution in this state any agricultural seeds for seeding purposes without complying with the requirements of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and the costs of such prosecution nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the costs of such prosecution, and upon the second or any subsequent offense shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the costs of such prosecution, nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the costs of such prosecution.

Sec. 5. Definitions.—The words "person" and "sell" as used in this act shall be construed as provided in Section 1738 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota 1905.

Sec. 6. Commissioner of Agriculture to inspect—To appoint agents.—*The Commissioner of Agriculture shall inspect and examine and secure samples of seeds sold, offered or exposed for sale in the State at such time and place and to such extent as he may determine. The Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station shall examine, and make analysis of, and test said samples of said seeds as provided in this act. The said Commissioner of Agriculture may appoint such agents as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and said Commissioner of Agriculture or his agents shall have free access at all reasonable hours upon, and into any premises or structures to make examination of any seeds whether such seeds are upon the premises of the owner of such seeds or upon other premises, or in the possession of any warehouse, elevator, or railway company; and upon the tendering payment therefor at the current value, may take any sample or samples of said seeds.*

Sec. 7. Salaries of agents.—The salaries of such agents as may be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of this act, shall be fixed and paid by the Commissioner of Agriculture out of the funds of the state treasury appropriated for the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

The said Commissioner of Agriculture shall pay to the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station out of the funds of the state treasury appropriated for the State Department of Agriculture, the cost of making such examinations, analyses and tests as the said Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station shall make under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 8. Commissioner to test seeds—Fees.—Any citizen of the State of Minnesota may, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and by pre-paying

the transportation charges, send a sample or samples of seed to said *Commissioner of Agriculture* for examination, analysis and tests and such examination, analysis or tests, shall be reported upon free of charge, provided that when dealers in seeds desire to have the same tested, they shall pay a reasonable fee for the testing of such seeds. Such fees shall be paid to the Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall pay the same into the State Treasury to be credited to the State Revenue Fund.

Sec. 9. Certificate to be evidence of facts.—The certificate of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station giving results of any examinations, analysis or tests of any seed sample made under the authority of said Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station shall be presumptive evidence of the facts therein stated.

Sec. 10. Commissioner to report violations to Attorney General or County Attorney.—When said *Commissioner of Agriculture* shall find by the examinations, analysis or tests, that any person, firm or corporation has violated any of the provisions of this act, said *Commissioner* shall transmit the fact so found to the Attorney General or to the County Attorney of the county in which the offense was committed.

Sec. 11. Duties of Attorney General.—It shall be the duty of the Attorney General and the County Attorney to prosecute all persons, firms or corporations violating any of the provisions of this act, when evidence thereof has been presented by the said *Commissioner of Agriculture*.

Sec. 12. Reports to be published.—The said *Commissioner of Agriculture* shall make a biennial report on the first day of January of each odd numbered year to the Governor of the State of Minnesota upon the work done under this Act, and shall publish the same in pamphlet form.

Sec. 13. Effective July 1, 1921.—This act shall take effect and be enforced from and after July 1, 1921.

Approved April 23, 1921.

CHAPTER 481—S. F. No. 329.

An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 514, General Laws, 1919, the same being an act requiring railroads, car shops, and other concerns manufacturing or repairing cars, car trucks, and other equipment used as conveyances by rail, for either freight or passengers, and other equipment used in repair work or otherwise, and operated by railroad companies, to provide buildings that will protect their employes from heat, rain, cold, snow, and other inclement weather.

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

Section 1. Railroad companies to provide shelter for em-