

sioners, and such experts and chemists as they shall duly authorize for the purpose, shall have access, ingress, and egress to all places of business, factories and buildings where the same is manufactured or kept for sale, cases or vessels used in the manufacture and sale of any spirituous, fermented or malt liquors or any imitation thereof, or any of the substances or articles mentioned in this act. They shall also have the power and authority to open any package, car or vessel containing such articles which may be manufactured, sold or exposed for sale in violation of the provisions of this act, and may inspect the contents therein, and may take samples therefrom for analysis.

Powers of dairy commissioner and assistants.)

All clerks, book-keepers, express agents, railroad officials, employees or common carriers shall render to them all the assistance in their power, when so requested, in tracing, finding or discovering the presence of any prohibited article named in this act.

Assistance to be rendered by express agents, et. al.

Any refusal or neglect on the part of such clerks, book-keepers, express agents, railroad officials, employees or common carriers to tender such friendly aid, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars or more than one hundred (100) dollars for each and every offense.

Penalty for refusal to assist.

SEC. 16. The salary of the chemists shall not exceed two thousand (\$2000) dollars annually.

Salary of chemist.

SEC. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after August first, (1st,) eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889.)

When act to take effect.

Approved April 24th, 1889.

CHAPTER 8.

[S. F. No. 406.]

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION BEFORE SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE, SHEEP AND SWINE DESIGNED FOR SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN FOOD.

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

SECTION 1. The sale of any fresh beef, veal, mutton, lamb or pork for human food in this state, except as hereinafter provided, is hereby prohibited.

Sale of beef, veal, etc.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the several local boards of health of the several cities, villages, boroughs and townships within this state to appoint one (1) or more inspectors of cattle, sheep and swine for said city, village, borough or township, who shall hold their offices for one (1)

Duties of local boards of health.

year, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and whose authority and jurisdiction shall be territorially coextensive with the board so appointing them; and said several boards shall regulate the form of certificate to be issued by such inspectors and the fees to be paid them by the person applying for such inspection, which fees shall be no greater than are actually necessary to defray the costs of the inspection provided for in section three (3) of this act.

Duties of
inspectors.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the inspectors appointed hereunder to inspect all cattle, sheep and swine slaughtered for human food within their respective jurisdictions within twenty-four (24) hours before the slaughter of the same, and if found healthy and in suitable condition to be slaughtered for human food to give to the applicant a certificate in writing to that effect.

If found unfit for food by reason of infectious disease, such inspectors shall order the immediate removal and destruction of such diseased animals, and no liability for damages shall accrue by reason of such action.

Penalty for
violation.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall sell, expose or offer for sale for human food in this state, any fresh beef, veal, mutton, lamb or pork whatsoever, which has not been taken from an animal inspected and certified before slaughter, by the proper local inspector appointed hereunder, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (100) dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months for each offense.

Certificate of
inspection.

SEC. 5. Each and every certificate made by inspectors under the provisions of this act shall contain a statement to the effect that the animal or animals inspected, describing them as to kind and sex, were at the date of such inspection free from all indication of disease, apparently in good health, and in fit condition, when inspected, to be slaughtered for human food; a duplicate of which certificate shall be preserved in the office of the inspector.

False
certificates.

SEC. 6. Any inspector making a false certificate shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten (10) dollars nor more than fifty (50) dollars for each animal falsely certified to be fit for human food under the provisions of this act.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 16, 1889.