

thereof, as determined by the county board, shall be credited to such town and used for the purpose of paying off outstanding bonds, warrants or judgments as herein provided. Any other property of such town shall become the property of the county without any allowance being made therefor. Any surplus funds of said town, after all obligations have been paid as herein provided, shall be credited to the general fund of the county.

Approved March 27, 1931.

CHAPTER 97—H. F. No. 428

An act relating to the manufacture, use, sale, offering or exposure for sale of any substance to be used as an artificial or imitation flavoring in any food product in imitation of butter and providing for the enforcement and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

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

Section 1. Butter imitations prohibited.—No person, firm or corporation shall by himself, his servant or agent, or as a servant or agent of another, manufacture, use, sell, distribute, offer or expose for sale or distribution in the State, or have in his possession with intent to use, sell, or exchange any artificial or imitation flavoring preparation to be used in fats, oils, or any article of food to produce a flavor in imitation of that of natural butter, the product of the dairy. Bacterial culture used for ripening or souring or fermenting milk or skimmed milk in the production of any such culture in milk or skimmed milk shall not be considered an artificial or imitation flavoring preparation.

Sec. 2. Violation a misdemeanor.—Any person who shall violate any provision of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. Commissioner of agriculture to enforce law.—The Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairy and Food shall cause the provisions of this act to be enforced, and to that end he shall exercise all power and authority conferred upon the then office of Dairy and Food Commissioner by the provisions of chapter 495, Laws 1921, known as the "Minnesota Dairy and Food Law." It shall be the duty of every prosecuting officer to whom the com-

missioner shall report any violation of this act, to cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the proper courts and prosecuted without delay for enforcement of the penalties herein specified.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 27, 1931.

CHAPTER 98—S. F. No. 312

An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5285-1, relating to the inspection of meters for measuring electricity, gas and water.

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

Section 1. Inspection and test by railroad and warehouse commission—Petition for by residents of municipalities—Fees—Sealing and labeling devices.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5285-1, be amended to read as follows:

"5285-1. The railroad and warehouse commission shall have power to inspect and test all meters, mechanical devices and measures of every kind, and tools, appliances and accessories connected therewith, used, employed, kept, sold or offered or exposed for sale within this state for the purpose of measuring the amount, quantity or extent of electricity, gas or water furnished, sold or distributed to the public by any person, association, corporation or municipality except cities of the first class having, or which may hereafter have meter inspection departments. Upon petition of at least 10 consumers of electricity, gas or water within the territorial limits of any municipality and upon the deposit with the clerk of such municipality by each of such consumers of a fee of 25 cents for each such meter, mechanical device and measure installed or used upon the premises of each such petitioning consumer, the governing body of such municipality may request the commission to make an inspection and test of all such meters, mechanical devices and measures upon the premises of such petitioning consumers. Thereupon the commission, within a reasonable time after the receipt by it of such request, shall proceed to make an inspection and test of all such meters, mechanical devices and measures upon the premises of all such petitioning consumers and upon the premises of all other consumers within such municipality who, at the time of such inspection and test, shall have deposited with the clerk of such