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CHAPTER 257.**LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT.**

13 of 1949.

An Ordinance to make provision for the improvement of livestock and for purposes connected therewith.

[30TH JULY, 1949.]

Short title
and applica-
tion.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Livestock Improvement Ordinance, and shall apply to such species of animal and to such areas of the Colony as the Governor in Council may by order prescribe.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—
“ animal ” means any entire bull, stallion, jack, boar, ram or buck of breeding age;

“ certificate ” means a certificate of fitness for breeding purposes;

“ owner ” includes any part owner or any person in charge of an animal;

“ the Director ” means the Director of Agriculture.

Register of
animals.

3. (1) The Director shall keep a register of animals in respect of which certificates have been issued under the provisions of subsection (4) of section 5 of this Ordinance.

(2) The register shall contain—

- (a) The serial number or mark of each animal;
- (b) the brand and a description of each animal; and
- (c) the name and address of each owner.

(3) In any legal proceedings under this Ordinance, the contents of any part of the register may be proved by the production of a copy thereof, certified by the Director, and such copy of the register shall be *prima facie* evidence of all facts stated therein.

4. The Director shall appoint fit and proper persons to be inspectors for the purpose of inspecting and certifying animals in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Appointment
of inspectors.

5. (1) Any owner may make application in writing to the Director to have his animal inspected and certified in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Inspection
and registra-
tion of
animals at
the request of
the owners.

(2) Upon the receipt of any application as aforesaid, the Director shall within one month cause the animal to be inspected.

(3) Where any animal has been inspected and approved, the inspector shall cause it to be marked with a serial number or mark in such manner as the Director may prescribe.

(4) Where any animal has been inspected and approved as aforesaid, the Director shall, as soon as possible thereafter, issue a certificate to the applicant in respect of such animal, and shall cause the particulars of such animal to be entered in the register.

(5) The Director may, for any sufficient cause, cancel any certificate issued by him and shall thereupon expunge from the register the particulars relating to the animal in respect of which such certificate has been cancelled.

(6) The Director may prescribe fees to be paid by the owner in respect of the inspection of any animal at the request of the owner.

6. The Director or any inspector may, between the hours of six of the clock in the morning and six of the clock in the evening, enter any land or premises in any area to which this Ordinance applies, for the purpose of examining and registering any animals and ascertaining that the provisions of this Ordinance have been complied with.

Power of
entry to ex-
amine and
register
animals.

Offences.

7. Any person who—

(a) obstructs or hinders the Director or any inspector from entering upon any land or premises for the purposes of this Ordinance; or

(b) with intent to deceive places or attempts to place upon any animal any number or mark purporting to be a number or mark placed thereon by an inspector under the provisions of subsection (3) of section 5 of this Ordinance; or

(c) being the owner thereof, causes or permits any unregistered animal to be at large on any unenclosed land or any land used for the purposes of agistment; or

(d) being the owner thereof, causes or permits any unregistered animal to serve a female—

shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

Owner of registered animal to notify the Director of its death or transfer.

8. The owner of any registered animal which dies, is sold or transferred, shall, within fourteen days of the death, sale or transfer, inform the Director accordingly, and any registered owner who fails so to inform the Director shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars.
