

*The Committee of Council submit for the consideration of
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor a Bill intituled*

An Act to amend the "Apiaries Act"

*and advise that the same be transmitted by Message to the
Legislative Assembly.*

Victoria, 9th day of November, A.D. 1923.

John Oliver,
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

Approved this 9th day of November, A.D. 1923.

W. M. Smith,
Lieutenant-Governor.

W. Mitchell
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

BILL.

No. 12.]

[1923.

An Act to amend the "Apiaries Act."

R.S.B.C. 1911,
c. 18; 1919, c. 7;
1920, c. 6; 1921
(2nd Sess.), c. 2.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Apiaries Act Amendment Act, Short title. 1923."

2. Section 3 of the "Apiaries Act," being chapter 18 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"3. (1.) The Minister may from time to time appoint such persons as he thinks proper to act as Inspectors to carry out the provisions of this Act, and shall appoint one of such Inspectors to be known as 'Provincial Apiarist.'"

"(2.) Upon the receipt by an Inspector of a notice from a bee-keeper of the existence of disease in any apiary or hives, or upon an Inspector in any way becoming aware of the existence of disease in any apiary or hives, the Inspector shall as soon as possible proceed to the apiary or premises where the disease exists, for the purpose of examining the apiary or hives and the bees therein."

3. Section 4 of said chapter 18 is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"4. (1.) Every Inspector shall have the right to enter any apiary or any other premises where there are bees, hives, frames, combs, or honey, for the purpose of examining the apiary or premises and the bees, hives, frames, combs, and honey therein.

"(2.) Where an Inspector finds that disease exists in an apiary or hives and in the opinion of the Inspector the disease is of a virulent or malignant type, he may destroy or cause to be destroyed

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by fire the colonies of bees affected by the disease, together with the hives occupied by them, and also all frames, combs, honey, and other material therein, and shall take such steps as are in the opinion of the Inspector necessary to disinfect all buildings, appliances, and appurtenances which he thinks should be disinfected.

"(3.) Where an Inspector finds any hives, frames, combs, honey, or other material, whether in an apiary or elsewhere, that are in his opinion infected with disease of a virulent or malignant type, he may destroy or cause to be destroyed by fire such hives, frames, combs, honey, and other material.

"(4.) Where an Inspector finds that disease exists in an incipient stage, or of a mild type, he may order that the apiary or hives infected with the disease be treated in such manner and within such time as he by order directs; and if the person who owns or has in his possession the bees contained in the apiary or hives fails to carry out the order of the Inspector, that person shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and the Inspector may forthwith destroy or cause to be destroyed by fire the bees, together with the hives occupied by them and all frames, combs, honey, and other material therein. Every order made by an Inspector under this subsection shall be in writing under his hand and shall be delivered personally to the person who owns the bees or to the person who has the bees in his possession, or sent by registered mail addressed to either of them at his last-known place of residence.

"(5.) After inspecting infected hives or fixtures or handling diseased bees, the Inspector shall, before inspecting any other colony of bees or proceeding to any other apiary, thoroughly disinfect his own person and clothing, and shall see that every assistant with him also thoroughly disinfects his person and clothing.

"(6.) Where bees or hives in any apiary have been treated for disease, the bees, hives, frames, combs, or any appliances that have been in use in the apiary shall not be moved to a different locality without the permission in writing of an Inspector. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of an offence against this Act."

Re-enacts s. 8.

4. Section 8 of said chapter 18 is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

"8. Every bee-keeper in whose apiary or hives any disease exists shall immediately notify the Provincial Apiarist, and any Inspector for the territory within which the apiary or hives are situate, of the existence of the disease, and shall state in the notice the place where the apiary or hives are situate; and in default of so doing the bee-keeper shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than five dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars."

Repeals s. 9.

5. Section 9 of said chapter 18 is repealed.

6. Section 12 of said chapter 18 is repealed, and the following is Re-enacts s. 12. substituted therefor:—

" 12. Every bee-keeper or other person who obstructs any Inspector, or any person acting under the direction of an Inspector, in the discharge of his duties under this Act, or who refuses or neglects to admit any Inspector to any apiary or premises which the Inspector is authorized to enter under this Act, or who refuses or neglects to allow the Inspector to examine the said apiary or premises and the bees therein, or who refuses to permit or obstructs the Inspector in the carrying-out of the destruction of any bees, hives, frames, combs, honey, or other material which the Inspector is authorized to destroy under this Act, or in the disinfecting of any buildings, appliances, or appurtenances which the Inspector is authorized to disinfect under this Act, shall, on summary conviction, be liable for the first offence to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than fifty dollars, and for the second or any subsequent offence to a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars; and the convicting Justice may by the conviction order the bee-keeper or person convicted to carry out forthwith any order or direction of the Inspector under this Act."

7. Section 15 of said chapter 18, as enacted by section 12 of the Amends s. 15. "Foul Brood Bees Act Amendment Act, 1919," and amended by section 4 of the "Apiaries Act Amendment Act, 1921," is amended by striking out subsection (2) thereof.

8. Section 18 of said chapter 18, as enacted by section 4 of the Amends s. 18. "Apiaries Act Amendment Act, 1920," is amended by adding at the end of subsection (2) the words "and on each receptacle containing imported honey the net weight of the honey contained therein shall be clearly stated."

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