No. 1059.

An Act to further amend "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act, 1908," and for other purposes.

[Assented to, December 23rd, 1911.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited alone as "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act Further Amendment Act, 1911."

   (2) "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act, 1908" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"), "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act Amendment Act, 1910," and this Act, may be cited together as "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Acts, 1908 to 1911."

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act Amendment Act, 1910," and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act.

3. In assessing any land of or held by the Board for the purposes of Municipal or District Council rates, such assessment shall be made according to a percentage of five per centum on the capital value of the land and any buildings and erections thereon, except the buildings and erections used for or incidental to the carrying out of the powers and functions of the Board, but not excepting any buildings or parts of buildings used as offices or dwelling-houses.

4. In addition to the money which the Board is by the principal Act, as amended by "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act Amendment Act, 1910," authorised to borrow, the Board may borrow in manner provided in such Acts any further sum or sums of money not exceeding
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exceeding in the aggregate Fifty-five Thousand Pounds for the following purposes, or any of them, that is to say:

(a) For the installation of plant and the erection of buildings for the purpose of and in connection with the delivery of meat:

(b) The erection of cottages for employés of the Board:

(c) The purchase of additional land:

(d) The erection of hide and skin markets.

Section 54 amended. Certain articles may be sold if previously inspected by a Customs officer. No. 1009 of 1910.

Section 54 of the principal Act is further amended by adding the following proviso after the proviso added by subdivision 1. of section 12 of "The Metropolitan Abattoirs Act Amendment Act, 1910," namely:—"Provided also that it shall be lawful for any person to expose for sale and to sell within the said area pig's feet, ox-tongues, ox-tails, sheep's kidneys, sheep's tongues, and casings for sausages obtained from any part of the Commonwealth of Australia, if the same have been previously inspected and the packages in which they are contained have been marked by an officer of Customs under the said (Commonwealth) Commerce (Trades Descriptions) Act, 1905, or any Act amending or substituted for that Act."

Conditional exemption as to certain articles.

Notwithstanding anything in any Act incorporated herewith it shall be lawful for any person to expose for sale and to sell within the metropolitan abattoirs area—

(a) Ox-tongues, ox-tails, sheep's kidneys, sheep's tongues, and casings for sausages, sold by the South Australian Government Produce Department: Provided that there is delivered with such goods to the purchaser from the said Department a certificate in writing, signed by the manager or person in charge of the said Department, stating that the animals from which the goods were taken were prior to slaughter, and that the carcasses thereof were after slaughter, inspected by an inspector of the said Department and were free from disease:

(b) Ox-tongues, ox-tails, sheep's kidneys, and sheep's tongues brought from without the said area: Provided that the person so exposing for sale or selling such goods has previously given notice in writing to the Board, specifying the goods and stating from whom and when they were received by him and where they may be inspected.

Penalty for delivering goods from Produce Department without certificate.

If the manager or person in charge of the South Australian Government Produce Department delivers or permits to be delivered any such goods as are mentioned in subdivision (a) of section 6 of this Act without a certificate in writing as therein mentioned he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty—First offence, Ten Pounds; second offence, Twenty-five Pounds; and every subsequent offence, Fifty Pounds.

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8. Any person who purchases from the South Australian Government Produce Department any such goods as are mentioned in subdivision (a) of section 6 of this Act shall, upon demand by any inspector of the Board, produce to him such a certificate as to such goods as is mentioned in the said subdivision, and in default thereof shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty—First offence, Ten Pounds; second offence, Twenty-five Pounds; and every subsequent offence, Fifty Pounds.

9. Any person who has in his possession any such goods as are mentioned in subdivision (b) of section 6 of this Act shall, upon demand by any inspector of the Board, produce the same for his inspection, and in default thereof shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty—First offence, Ten Pounds; second offence, Twenty-five Pounds; and every subsequent offence, Fifty Pounds.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 57 of the principal Act, the Board shall have the exclusive right to slaughter stock at the abattoirs, and may charge such fees for slaughtering as it may think fit.

11. Section 68 of the principal Act is repealed and the following provisions are hereby enacted and substituted in lieu thereof, namely:—

The Board shall have the exclusive right to deliver meat of stock slaughtered at the abattoirs to the owners within the Metropolitan Abattoirs Area, and may make such charges for the delivery thereof as it may think fit: Provided that the charges for delivery of meat to retail butchers shall be the same throughout the said area irrespective of distance or the places where such butchers respectively carry on business.

The Board shall have a lien on all stock and meat of any owner for the time being on the property of, or in the possession of, the Board for charges for slaughtering or delivery for the time being owing by him to the Board.

12. If any dispute hereafter arises between any of the employés of the Board, or any trades or other union, or any association or organization of or on behalf of such employés, and the Board as to the wages or remuneration to be paid to such employés or other employés of the Board, or as to their hours of work or any other condition of their employment, such dispute shall be forthwith referred to an arbitrator or arbitrators to be mutually agreed upon between the parties, or, failing such agreement, to the Court of Industrial Appeals constituted by “The Factories Act, 1907,” or any Court to which the functions of the said Court are by any Act transferred; and the award of such arbitrator or arbitrators or
of the Court (as the case may be) shall be final and shall not be reopened for a period of at least twelve months from the date thereof.

13. (1) If any of the employés of the Board on account of any such dispute, discontinue their employment, or break their contracts of service, or refuse or fail after such discontinuance to resume or return to their employment they shall be guilty of an act in the nature of a strike; and every person, or trades or other union, or association or organization who or which in any way counsels, takes part in, supports, or assists directly or indirectly any such act shall also be guilty of an act in the nature of a strike.

(2) Any person, trades or other union, or association or organization guilty of an act in the nature of a strike, within the meaning of this section, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, or in the case of an individual to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labor.

14. The Board shall not, nor shall any member thereof, be liable in damages or otherwise on account or by reason of the non-performance of any contract, or any delay in executing any contract, which may be caused by reason of any strike, lockout (not being the act of the Board), industrial dispute, the act of God, or unavoidable accident, or any other circumstance (other than the want of funds) beyond the control of the Board.

15. After the date specified in any notice given under section 72 of the principal Act it shall not be lawful for any person to sell by auction any cattle, sheep, calves, or pigs, at any sale yard, or other premises within the Metropolitan Abattoirs Area, except at the market mentioned in such notice: Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the sale by auction or otherwise of any stock on the premises of or occupied by the owner of such stock: Provided also that the Board may (anything in section 73 of the principal Act to the contrary notwithstanding) establish a market in the city of Adelaide for the sale of milch cows only, and until the same shall be established the provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of milch cows. For the purposes of this section "milch cows" shall mean cows in milk, but shall not include springers or dry cattle.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

DAY H. BOSANQUET, Governor.