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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. H. No. 478

H. D. No. 104

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. White of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Change the Grades of the Apple Packing Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

That chapter thirty-six of the revised statutes of nineteen

- 2 hundred and sixteen, as amended by chapter ninety-four
- 3 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three,
- 4 is hereby amended by striking out all of section twenty-
- 5 seven and inserting in its place the following, so that said
- 2 packages, shall be as follows:

'The standard grade for apples, when packed in closed 2 packages, shall be al follows:

'First. MAINE STANDARD FANCY, shall consist of 2 apples of one variety, above the average size and color for

3 the variety, and none smaller than two and one-half inches 4 in diameter, sound and free from worm holes, bruises, scab 5 or other defect that materially injures the appearance or 6 useful quality of the apple, and shall be properly packed 7 in clean, strong packages.

'Second. MAINE STANDARD A, shall consist of well 2 matured apples of one variety of normal shape and good 3 color for the variety, not less than two and one-half inches 4 in diameter, sound and free from all defects such as worm 5 holes, bruises, scab or other defect that materially injures 6 the appearance or useful quality of the apple, and shall be 7 properly packed in clean, strong packages.

'Third. MAINE STANDARD B, shall consist of well 2 matured apples of one variety, not less than two and one-3 quarter inches in diameter, of medium color for the variety 4 and normal shape. Apples two and one-quarter inches in 5 diameter must be sound. Apples more than two and one-6 quarter inches in diameter may have one defect such as a 7 worm hole or a bruise, if the skin is not broken and shall 8 be properly packed in clean, strong packages.

'Fourth. UNCLASSIFIED. Apples not conforming to 2 the foregoing conditions as to variety, size and other con-3 ditions, shall be classed as unclassified.

'Fifth. The minimum size of the fruit in all classes or 2 grades, including the MAINE STANDARD FANCY and 3 UNCLASSIFIED, shall be determined by taking the trans-4 verse diameter of the smallest fruit in the package at right 5 angles to the stem and blossom end. Minimum sizes shall 6 be stated in variations of one-quarter of an inch like two 7 inches, two and one-quarter inches, two and one-half inches, 8 two and three-quarter inches, three inches, three and one-9 quarter inches and so on, in accordance with the fact.

'Minimum sizes may be designated by figures instead of 2 words. The word "minimum" may be designated by using 3 the abbreviation "min."'