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of said court in each county shall enter upon the docket either in term time or vacation, all such appointments and orders in any pending case.'

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 241.

An Act to make uniform the standard relating to the percentage of Alcohol in Intoxicating Liquors.

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

Intoxicating liquors, what declared to be.

Alcoholic liquors which may not be sold except by payment of a revenue tax to the United States government are hereby declared to be intoxicating liquors within the meaning of all statutes of this state.

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 242.

An Act to establish a standard unit of measure and a standard size of can for the sale of Milk and Cream, and to regulate the sanitary conditions under which milk and cream shall be handled.

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

Standard unit of measure for milk and cream.

Section 1. All milk and cream bought and sold by measure for consumption within this state shall be bought and sold by wine measure, the standard for which shall be two hundred and thirty-one cubic inches to the gallon, and for subdivisions of the gallon, in the same proportion.

All measures, cans, etc., shall be proved by sealer of weights and measures and plainly marked.

Section 2. All measures, cans or other vessels used in the purchase or sale of milk or cream shall be tried and proved by the standard mentioned in the preceding section, by the sealer of weights and measures of the city or town in which such milk or cream is to be consumed, who shall, agreeably to such standard plainly stamp thereon the quantity which such measures, cans or other vessels hold, together with the date of the calendar year in which such measures, cans or other vessels are sealed. Any person, firm or corporation who shall purchase or sell by measure any milk or cream by any other than the measures so tried, sealed and marked, shall forfeit for each offense the sum of ten dollars.

—penalty.

Capacity of cans to be used in wholesale trade.

Section 3. When milk or cream is purchased by measure at wholesale by any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling milk or cream or both, the can or other vessel containing such milk or cream shall hold eight

quarts and one pint and no more, and all new cans or other vessels purchased by any wholesale dealer in milk or cream, to be used for the purpose of receiving such milk or cream by measure, purchased by them between the first day of August, nineteen hundred and nine, and the time when this act shall go into effect shall contain eight quarts and one pint, and no more, and shall be tried, proved, sealed and marked as herein provided.

Section 4. Whoever by himself or by his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person, firm or corporation having custody of a milk can, measure or other vessel used as a container for milk destined for sale, shall wantonly, wilfully or maliciously indent, bend or otherwise mutilate said can, measure or other vessel so that the same will not contain eight quarts and one pint, standard measure, as hereinbefore provided, or who shall wantonly, wilfully or maliciously erase, efface or otherwise mutilate said can, measure or other vessel so that any names, figures or other marks placed thereon by a sealer of weights and measures shall become illegible shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Penalty for mutilating cans and measures, or erasing names and marks from same.

Section 5. All persons, firms and corporations who shall purchase milk or cream for the purpose of reselling the same, either at wholesale or retail, shall thoroughly cleanse and sterilize all cans, vessels and other utensils prior to their being used in the manufacture, transportation, storage and sale of said milk or cream.

Milk cans shall be cleansed and sterilized.

All persons, firms and corporations engaged in the business of retailing milk or cream, shall thoroughly cleanse and sterilize all vessels, jars, cans and other utensils used in the manufacture, storage and sale of milk or cream immediately before such vessels, jars or cans are filled for distribution. And the place or room in which milk or cream is stored, bottled or otherwise handled shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

—storage room shall be kept in sanitary condition.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of sections three and five of this act shall be fined not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars.

—penalty.

Section 6. The commissioner of agriculture shall diligently enforce, or cause to be enforced, all the provisions of this act.

Commissioner of agriculture shall enforce this act.

Section 7. This act shall take effect April first, nineteen hundred and ten.

—when this act shall take effect.