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§ 2261. Inspectors

The municipal officers of towns may appoint annually in their towns one or more suitable persons not interested in the manufacture and sale of flour to be inspectors thereof for one year from the date of appointment.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 157.

§ 2262. —Oath; certificate of appointment

An inspector of flour, before entering upon his duties, shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge thereof before the town clerk, who, upon payment of 50ϕ , shall give him a certificate of his appointment and qualification, to be exhibited on the demand of any person interested in any inspection made by him.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 158.

§ 2263. Inspection; duties; record

Inspection of flour shall be for the purpose of ascertaining its soundness. Every package inspected shall be opened sufficiently to allow a trier to be passed through it, and a sample of the whole length of the passage shall be taken out and examined by the inspector, who shall mark upon each package with a brand or stencil the word "Sound" or "Unsound," as the quality of the flour contained in each is found, and his name, residence, office and the year of inspection. He shall keep a record of all flour inspected by him in a suitable book which he shall exhibit to any person requiring it.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 159.

§ 2264. Fraudulent marks

If an inspector falsely and fraudulently marks any package of flour, he shall be punished by a fine of \$5 for every such package and forfeits to any person injured thereby 3 times the amount of damage, in a civil action.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 160; 1961, c. 317, § 313.

§ 2265. Interfering with inspection marks

Whoever, with intent to defraud, alters, obliterates or counterfeits the marks of an inspector, and whoever, with such intent, places upon any package of flour, marks, falsely purporting to be inspection marks, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense and, on conviction of placing such false marks on as many as 10 packages at one time shall also be imprisoned for not more than 10 months.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 161.

§ 2266. Purchasers may require inspection before delivery

The purchaser may require flour to be inspected before delivery. The inspector's fees shall be 5ϕ a package for lots of less than 10; for lots of more than 10 and not exceeding 20, 2ϕ a package; and for every package exceeding 20, 1ϕ ; to be paid by the person demanding inspection.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 162.

§ 2267. Inspector's duty as to sample packages

Inspectors of flour shall, when required, determine whether the flour conforms to and equals the sample furnished, and shall mark, with some distinct and intelligible mark, the packages that are found like the sample, and for this service they may charge an additional compensation of $\frac{1}{2}\phi$ a package.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 163.

§ 2268. Contracts for sale of uninspected flour

Nothing contained in this chapter prohibits any contract for the manufacture or sale of uninspected flour when inspection is not required by the buyer or the seller.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 164.