

of the jobbers or local dealers selling the said feed stuffs shall not be used, but the commodity analyzed shall be identified and described by the name of the manufacturer and the commercial name or designation by which it is known in the trade.

SECTION 2. Whenever requested said samples shall be taken in the presence of the party or parties in interest or their representative, and shall in all cases be taken from a parcel or number of packages which shall not be less than five per cent. of the whole lot inspected, shall be thoroughly mixed and then divided into two equal samples and put in glass vessels and carefully sealed, and a label placed on each vessel stating the name or brand of the feed stuff or material sampled, the name of the manufacturer when possible, the name of the party from whose stock the sample was taken, and the time and place of taking; said label shall be signed by the director or his deputy and by the party or parties in interest or their representative, if present at the taking and sealing of the samples. One of said duplicate samples shall be retained by the director and the other by the party whose stock was sampled.

Taking of samples, etc.

SECTION 3. To defray the expenses of collecting and analyzing the samples and of publishing the results the sum of twelve hundred dollars shall be allowed and paid annually in semi-annual payments from the treasury of the Commonwealth into the treasury of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Expenses of collecting, etc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

To take effect July 1, 1897.

*Approved March 5, 1897.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RETURNS OF FIRES.

*Chap. 118*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Every insurance company transacting business in this Commonwealth shall, upon receiving notice of loss by fire upon property in Massachusetts on which it is liable under a policy of insurance, forthwith notify the state fire marshal thereof, and no insurance upon any such property shall be paid by any company until one week after such notification.

Insurance companies to notify state fire marshal of receipt of notice of loss by fire.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 5, 1897.*