CHAPTER 43.

An Act to amend the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, in relation to Sheep Scab. [14th August 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Compulsory adoption of remedies for sheep scab, &c. 57 & 58 Vict. c. 57.

1. Section twenty-two of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894 (which empowers the Board of Agriculture to make orders for the better prevention of disease among animals and to authorise local authorities to make regulations for the like purpose), shall be construed and have effect as if the following paragraph were inserted therein, namely:—

"(xiii*a*.) For prescribing, regulating and securing the periodical treatment of all sheep by effective dipping, or by the use of some other remedy for sheep scab."

Power of examination of sheep.

2.—(1) An inspector of the Board of Agriculture and, if so authorised by order of the Board, an inspector of the local authority, may, subject to the direction of the authority appointing the inspector and for the purposes of any order or regulation under this Act, enter any premises and examine any sheep thereon.

(2) The owner and the person in charge of any sheep shall comply with all reasonable requirements of the inspector as to the collection and penning of the sheep, and afford all other reasonable facilities for the examination of the sheep by the inspector.

Power for local authority to provide facilities for sheep-dipping.

3. The local authority may provide, fit up and maintain portable dipping tanks or, with the sanction of the Board of Agriculture dipping places and afford the use thereof and of all necessary appliances and materials in connection therewith to the public, upon such terms and conditions as the local authority may think fit, and any sums received by a local authority for such use shall be applied by them towards the discharge of their expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894:

Provided that no dipping place shall be used for the purposes of this section if such use would injuriously affect the water in any stream, reservoir, aqueduct, well, pond or place constructed or used for the supply of water for drinking or other domestic purposes.

Application of Act to Ireland.

4. In the application of this Act to Ireland, "the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland" shall be substituted for "the Board of Agriculture."

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Diseases of Animals Act, 1903, and shall be construed as one with the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, and may be cited with those Acts as the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903.