Diseases of Animals : Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle).

THE WARBLE FLY (DRESSING OF CATTLE) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER OF 1936, DATED 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1936.

1936. No. 15.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1934, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders, and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

Compulsory Treatment of Infested Cattle.

1.—(i) Every person having in his possession or in his charge any cattle which are visibly infested with the maggot of the warble fly (*hypoderma bovis* or *hypoderma lineatum*) shall take the measures prescribed by this Order for the destruction of the parasite.

(ii) The measures prescribed by this Order for the purpose referred to in paragraph (i) of this article shall be either of the following :—

Either

(*a*) The infested cattle shall be dressed with a dressing prepared in accordance with the specification laid down in the Schedule to this Order at intervals of twenty-eight days between the dressings ; commencing in each year between the fifteenth and twenty-second days of March (both dates inclusive) or as soon thereafter as the maggots appear under the skin on the backs of the cattle and continuing so long as the maggots continue so to appear. Such dressing shall be applied to the skin in such a manner that it penetrates through the hole made by the maggot into the cavity containing the maggot.

Or

(*b*) Any ripe maggots shall be squeezed out from the backs of the infested cattle or removed by other mechanical means and effectively destroyed, such process to commence in each year between the 15th and 22nd days of March (both days inclusive) or as soon thereafter as the maggots reach the stage at which they can be so removed and to be repeated at such intervals not exceeding ten days as may be necessary to prevent the escape of live maggots, until the maggots cease to appear under the skin on the backs of the cattle.

(iii) Nothing in this article shall require the treatment of cattle after the thirtieth day of June in any year.

Labels to be affixed to Containers of Preparations intended for Use under this Order.

2. No package or receptacle containing a preparation purporting to be suitable for preparing a dressing for use for the purposes of this Order shall be sold or offered for sale unless it is clearly and distinctly labelled by the manufacturer or vendor thereof with a statement containing full directions for dilution and use and certifying that the dressing, prepared as directed, is in accordance with the specification laid down in the Schedule to this Order.

Extension of Meaning of "disease" for the Purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894.

3. For the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, section 4 excepted, the definition of "disease" in that Act is hereby extended so as to include the infestation of cattle with the maggot of the warble fly (*hypoderma bovis* or *hypoderma lineatum*).

Samples of Dressing may be taken.

4. Every owner or person in charge of cattle that are being or have been treated under this Order shall permit and afford every facility to an Inspector to take samples of the dressing or material which is being, or has been, used for the treatment of the cattle.

Precautions as to Disposal of Waste Dressing.

5. Every owner or person in charge of cattle which are being or have been treated under this order shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent used or unused waste dressing from entering any stream, reservoir, aqueduct, well or pond.

Offences.

6.—(i) Any person committing or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any breach of the provisions of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided by the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1934.

(ii) If any preparation which, when diluted as directed, produces a dressing not in accordance with the specification laid down in the Schedule to this Order, is falsely marked with a label, statement or indication that the dressing does so accord, the manufacturer and the retailer or other person selling the preparation and the person who shall have so marked the preparation, knowing the same to have been so falsely marked, shall be liable to the penalties prescribed for an offence against the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894-1934.

Interpretation.

7. In this Order "The Act of 1894" means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

The expression "person" includes a body corporate and unincorporate, and "cattle" means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers and calves.

"Inspector" means a Veterinary or other Inspector of the Ministry.

"Ministry" means Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

Extent.

8. This Order extends to the whole of Northern Ireland.

Commencement.

9. This Order shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of January, Nineteen hundred and Thirty-six.

Short Title.

10. This Order may be cited as the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) (Northern Ireland) Order of 1936.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this thirty-first day of January, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-six.

G. S. Robertson,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Specification with which Dressings to be Used for the Purposes of Compliance with Article 1 (2) (*a*) *of this Order, must comply.*

The dressing shall be prepared immediately before use by diluting with water a preparation in powdered form containing powdered Derris Root. The constituents of the preparation and the directions for its dilution shall be such that each gallon of dressing produced shall contain—

(*a*) either 1½ ounces of Derris resins or ½ ounce of Rotenone ; and also

(*b*) 4 ounces of soap which may be added at the time of dilution or may be incorporated in the preparation in powder form. Instead of soap a quantity of any other efficient spreader may be used, provided that it is incorporated in the preparation in powder form.