

shall be conducted in such mode as will as far as possible prevent effusion of blood.

(3.) The Local Authority shall out of the local rate pay compensation as follows for any animal slaughtered under this Article—

(a.) Where the animal slaughtered was affected with anthrax the compensation shall be one-half of its value immediately before it became so affected ;

(b.) In every other case the compensation shall be the value of the animal immediately before it was slaughtered.

(4.) Provided, that if the owner of the animal gives notice in writing to the Local Authority, or their Inspector or other officer, that he objects to the animal being slaughtered, it shall not be lawful for the Local Authority to cause that animal to be slaughtered except with the further special authority of the Board of Agriculture first obtained.

*Ascertainment of Value for Compensation in England and Wales.*

16.—(1.) Where in England or Wales an animal is slaughtered by order of a Local Authority under this Order, the Local Authority shall within fourteen days after the slaughter give to the owner of the animal notice in writing of the valuation thereof made by them.

(2.) If the owner does not within six days after the receipt of that notice give to the Local Authority or their Inspector or other officer a counter-notice in writing stating to the effect that he disputes the valuation made by the Local Authority, the compensation shall be paid on that valuation.

(3.) If the Local Authority fail to give such a notice, or if the owner gives such a counter-notice, as aforesaid, then the question of the value of the animal shall by virtue of this Article stand referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator, who shall make his award ready for delivery within seven days after he is appointed ; and the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889, shall apply to the reference and arbitration, as if the same were pursuant to a submission, except in so far as that Act is inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.

(4.) If on the arbitration a higher valuation is awarded than the valuation made by the Local Authority, then the Local Authority shall be liable to and shall bear and pay the costs and expenses of the reference and award and all costs incurred by the owner in relation thereto, but otherwise the costs and expenses of the reference and award and all costs incurred by the Local Authority in relation thereto may be deducted by the Local Authority from the sum payable to the owner as compensation in accordance with the award. The arbitrator may tax or settle the amount of costs to be paid by the owner or Local Authority under this Article.

(5.) All such expenses and costs paid by the Local Authority shall be part of their expenses under the Act of 1878.

*Withholding of Compensation.*

17. A Local Authority before determining, under sub-section seven of section thirty of the Act of 1878, to withhold, either wholly or partially, compensation or other payment in respect of an animal slaughtered by their order under this Order, shall give to the owner of the animal an opportunity of making representations to them respecting the facts and circumstances of the case, and shall consider the same.

*Record of Slaughter.*

18. Every Local Authority shall keep, in the

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form given in the Second Schedule to the Animals Order of 1886, or a form to the like effect, a record relative to animals slaughtered by their order under this Order, stating the particulars indicated in the form given in that Schedule, with such variations as circumstances require.

*Disposal of Carcasses.*

19.—(1.) The carcase of every animal that was at the time when it died or was slaughtered affected with anthrax shall be disposed of by the Local Authority as follows :

(i.) Either the Local Authority shall cause the carcase to be buried as soon as possible in its skin in some proper place at a depth of not less than six feet below the surface of the earth, and to be covered with a sufficient quantity of quicklime or other disinfectant ;

(ii.) Or the Local Authority may, if authorized by Licence of the Board of Agriculture, cause the carcase to be destroyed, under the inspection of the Local Authority, in the mode following : The carcase shall be disinfected, and shall then be taken, in charge of an officer of the Local Authority, to a horse-slaughterer's or knacker's-yard approved for the purpose by the Board, or other place so approved, and shall be there destroyed by exposure to a high temperature, or by chemical agents.

(2.) With a view to the execution of the foregoing provisions of this Article the Local Authority may make such Regulations as they think fit for prohibiting or regulating the removal of any carcase, or for securing the burial or destruction of the same : Provided that the power to make Regulations under this Article shall be exercised only by the Local Authority or their Executive Committee and shall not be deputed to any other Committee or Sub-Committee.

(3.) Before a carcase is removed for burial or destruction under this Article it shall be covered with quicklime. In no case shall the skin of the carcase be cut nor shall anything be done to cause the effusion of blood.

(4.) A Local Authority may cause or allow a carcase to be taken into the District of another Local Authority to be buried or destroyed, with the previous consent of that other Local Authority or with a Licence in that behalf of the Board of Agriculture, but not otherwise.

*Digging up Carcasses of Animals Buried.*

20. It shall not be lawful for any person, except with the Licence of the Board of Agriculture, to dig up, or cause to be dug up, the carcase of any animal that has been buried.

*Weekly Returns as to Anthrax.*

21. Where an Inspector of a Local Authority finds anthrax in his District, he shall forthwith make a return thereof to the Local Authority and to the Board of Agriculture, on a form provided by the Board, with all particulars therein required, and shall continue to so make a return thereof on the Saturday of every week until the disease has ceased.

*General Provisions as to Regulations of Local Authority.*

22.—(1.) Every Local Authority shall forthwith send to the Board of Agriculture a copy of every Regulation made by them under this Order.

(2.) If the Board are satisfied on inquiry with respect to any Regulation of a Local Authority made under this Order that the same is of too restrictive a character, or otherwise objectionable, and direct the revocation thereof, the same shall thereupon cease to operate,