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The following Bye-laws are published.

By Command,

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Colonial Secretary.

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BYE-LAWS

Made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council, this 11th day of March, 1902, under section 15 of Ordinance 17 of 1887, as amended by section 5 of Ordinance 12 of 1894, for regulating the Slaughter-houses within the Limits of the City of Victoria.

The following Bye-laws are hereby substituted for those heretofore in force :—

1. Each slaughter-house shall be provided with a hanging shed, in which the carcase of every animal slaughtered shall be hung as soon as it is dressed. Such carcasses shall continue hanging in such shed until they are removed to the markets, which removal shall be by means of a wheeled and covered vehicle or in a boat in either of which the carcasses can be hung, and not otherwise. Hanging sheds and carriage of meat.

2. The lessee of the privilege of collecting blood and hair shall forthwith upon the completion of the slaughtering of any animal or the dressing of any carcase, cause such blood and hair to be collected and deposited in a sufficient number of receptacles, properly constructed of non-absorbent material and furnished with closely fitting covers, and he shall cause the contents of such receptacles to be removed from the slaughter-house at least once in every twenty-four hours. He shall cause every such receptacle to be thoroughly cleansed immediately after it shall have been used for such collection and removal, and shall cause every such receptacle when not in actual use to be kept thoroughly clean. Removal of blood and hair.

3. The owner of any animal to be slaughtered shall provide the proper instruments, appliances and utensils required for such purpose, and shall cause all such articles to be thoroughly cleansed immediately after the completion of the process of slaughtering in which they have been used, and shall cause every such article when not in actual use to be kept thoroughly clean. Provision and cleansing of appliances.

4. The owner of any animal that is slaughtered shall cause the hide or skin, fat and offal of such animal to be removed from the slaughter-house within twenty-four hours after the completion of the slaughtering of such animal. Removal of hides, skins, fat, &c.

5. The owner of any animal shall not keep such animal in any slaughter-house for a longer period than may be necessary for the purpose of preparing such animal for the process of slaughtering. Duration of stay of animals in a slaughter-house.

6. No person shall convey or cause to be conveyed or attempt to convey any dead carcase of any animal into any of the slaughter-houses for any purpose whatsoever. Conveyance of carcasses into a slaughter-house prohibited.

7. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, or other officer authorized by the Governor in that behalf, may from time to time cause a stamp or stamps or other instrument or instruments to be made for the purpose of marking or stamping beef and mutton before the carcasses leave the slaughter-house, and may from time to time change or alter such mark or stamp; and every such mark or stamp, for the time being in use at any slaughter-house under the authority of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon or such officer as aforesaid, shall be the official stamp or mark within the meaning of the Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-houses and Markets Ordinance, 1899, and of every Bye-law made under any Ordinance relating to Slaughter-houses. Official stamps.

8. Fees in accordance with the following scale shall be paid by the owner of any animal to be slaughtered :— Fees payable.

Cattle (including Calves),	40 cent	per head.
Sheep and Goats,	20	" "
Swine,	30	" "

The fee shall in all cases be payable on admission.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
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