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CHAPTER 338.

The Injured Animals Act.

Duty of constable or inspector where horse is found severely injured.

1. Where a constable, or the inspector of an incorporated humane society or society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, finds any horse so severely injured that it would, in his opinion, be cruel to allow the horse to live, he shall, if the owner refuses to consent to the destruction of the animal, or is absent, at once summon a veterinary surgeon, if any such surgeon resides or can be found within a reasonable distance, or, if no such surgeon can be obtained, then two reputable citizens, and if it appears by the certificate of such surgeon or by a statement signed by such two citizens that the animal is, or appears to be, incapable of being so cured or healed as to live thereafter without suffering, it shall be lawful for such constable or inspector, without the consent of the owner, to kill or cause to be killed such animal with such instrument or instruments or appliances, and with such precautions and in such a manner as to inflict as little pain and suffering as possible. R.S.O. 1927, c. 302, s. 1.

Imp. Act, 57-58 Vict., c. 22.

Where horse is abandoned.

2. If any horse is abandoned, or left to die in any street, road, commons or public place, it shall be the duty of any constable or inspector, as mentioned in section 1, to make a reasonable attempt to ascertain the owner of such animal, and, if such owner cannot be found, or, if found, refuses to give his consent to the killing of such horse, the said constable or inspector shall proceed in the manner set forth in section 1. R.S.O. 1927, c. 302, s. 2.

Animals injured by railway trains.

3. Where any large animal, such as a horse, cow, sheep or hog, is severely injured by any railway engine or train, the conductor of the train shall report the occurrence to the nearest station agent of the railway, who shall forthwith notify the owner if possible and the nearest constable, who shall proceed as provided by section 1. R.S.O. 1927, c. 302, s. 3.