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CHAPTER 226.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

An Ordinance to regulate weights and measures in the Colony 9 of 1900. of Sierra Leone.

[22ND MARCH, 1900.]

12 of 1908. 17 of 1925.

I.—Preliminary.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Weights and Measures Short title. Ordinance.*

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-

- "Imperial standard pound" means the Imperial standard pound defined in the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled an Act to consolidate the law relating to weights and measures ":
- "pound avoirdupois" means a weight equal to the 41 & 42 Vict. Imperial standard pound;
- "gallon" means a measure of capacity equal to the Imperial standard gallon as defined in the said Act;

^{*} For application see footnote to section 59.

- "Imperial standard yard" means the Imperial standard yard defined in the said Act;
 - " yard" means a length equal to the imperial standard yard.
- "square yard" means a square each of whose sides is one yard in length;
- "common balance" means a balance which is never in equilibrium unless the weights in the two scales are equal;
- "dry produce" means palm kernels, husked rice, unhusked rice, peppers, ground-nuts, guinea corn, bulrush millet, fundi, maize, benniseed, egusi, and beans of various kinds;
 - "Inspector" includes Assistant Inspector;
- "weighing machine" includes balance, scale, beam, steel-yard, spring-balance, and every other machine or instrument for determining weight, and any such machine or instrument constructed also to calculate and indicate the price in money;
 - " prescribe " means prescribe by rule.

II.—LEGAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Avoirdupois weights.

3. A pound avoirdupois shall be the primary weight. The weights specified in the first column of Schedule A to this Ordinance are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a pound avoirdupois as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule A. Those weights are hereby declared to be avoirdupois weights.

Troy weights.

4. The weights specified in the first column of Schedule B to this Ordinance are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a pound avoirdupois as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule B. Those weights are hereby declared to be troy weights.

Any weight which is any decimal part or any multiple of an ounce troy may be used as a troy weight.

Measures of capacity.

5. A gallon shall be the primary measure of capacity. The measures of capacity specified in the first column of Schedule C to this Ordinance are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a gallon as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule C. Those measures are in this Ordinance referred to as Imperial measures of capacity.

6. A yard shall be the primary measure of length. measures of length specified in the first column of Schedule D to this Ordinance are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a yard as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule D. Those measures are in this Ordinance referred to as Imperial measures of length.

The Measures of

7. A square yard shall be the primary measure of surface. The measures of surface specified in the first column of Schedule E to this Ordinance are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a square yard as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule E. Those measures are in this Ordinance referred to as Imperial measures of surface.

Measures of

8. The avoirdupois weights specified in Schedule A to this Ordinance, and any weight being any part or multiple of any of weights the said avoirdupois weights, may be used in selling or computing the weight of any article whatever, and shall be the only weights that may lawfully be used in the sale of any article, or in any metals. computation of weight for the purpose of any contract relating to, or of any dealing in, any article:

General use of avoirdupois except for stones and

Provided that gold and silver and articles made thereof, including gold and silver thread, lace, or fringe, and also platinum, diamonds, and other precious metals or stones, may be sold or dealt in by the troy weights referred to in section 4 of this Ordinance.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, any weight Presumptions mentioned, or referred to, in any enactment of this Colony, or in expressions any sale, contract, bargain, or dealing, if the article in question denoting be of the class of articles which, according to this Ordinance, may in contracts. be sold, or dealt in, by troy weight shall be deemed to be troy weight, and if the article be not of that class, shall be deemed to be avoirdupois weight, unless, in either case, the contrary is expressed or implied.

10. The measures specified in Schedules C, D, and E to this Ordinance, and parts or multiples of any of them, shall be the only measures that may, in any sale, contract, bargain, or dealing, be lawfully used for computing or expressing the quantity of anything to be measured.

Measures of length to be

11. When dry produce is bought by measure for the purpose of trade, whether export, wholesale, or retail trade, it shall be bought only in measures containing either one bushel or a halfbushel, and such measures shall be of the shape and dimensions prescribed by rules made under sub-section (2) of section 56.

Sale of dry produce by be only in prescribed

III.—STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Standards of weight and measure.

12. The Governor shall, from time to time, as occasion may require, procure copies of the Imperial standards of weight, capacity and length representing, and corresponding to, the several weights and measures mentioned in Schedule F to this Ordinance, and every copy so procured shall be verified at the Standards Department of the Board of Trade in England before being brought into use. Each of such copies shall be made of such materials, and in such manner, and shall be placed in such a receptacle as to be, so far as practicable, proof against mechanical and atmospheric agencies, and all other sources of error. copies so procured shall be the Colonial standards of weight and measure, and shall for all purposes be conclusively deemed to be true and accurate copies of the respective Imperial standards.

Depository of the standards.

13. The Colonial standards shall be kept at the Treasury, and the receptacle in which the same are kept shall be secured by two locks, which shall not be capable of being opened by the same key.

Wardens of the Standards.

The key of the one lock shall be kept by the Minister and the key of the other lock by the Accountant General; and the Minister and the Accountant General shall be the Wardens of the Colonial standards.

Secondary standards.

14. The Governor shall procure such copies of the Colonial standards, or of any of them as he may think fit, and shall provide for verifying the same, and shall cause such copies to be authenticated as secondary standards in such manner as he may think proper. Judicial notice shall be taken of every secondary standard so authenticated. The secondary standards shall, at such times as the Governor may appoint, be compared with the Colonial standards, in the presence of the Wardens of the Colonial standards, and, when necessary, shall be corrected and The Governor may at any time cancel any secondary standard, and direct that the same be no longer used as such. Every secondary standard shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be true and accurate.

IV.—Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

Director of Trade and Industry to be Chief Inspector.

15. The Director of Trade and Industry shall be ex officio Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures under this Ordinance.

Appointment of Inspectors Inspectors.

16. The Governor may, by writing under his hand from time and Assistant to time, appoint such persons as he may think fit to be Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Weights and Measures under this Ordinance, and may assign such portion of the Colony as he may think fit to each such Inspector and Assistant Inspector as an Inspectoral District; and he may at any time revoke any such appointment and assignment. All such appointments, assignments, and revocations shall be notified in the Gazette. No maker or seller of weights, counterpoises, weighing-machines, or measures shall be an Inspector or Assistant Inspector.

17. The Chief Inspector shall have the general supervision of General the Inspectors; and the Inspectors shall make such returns and Inspectors. furnish such information as the Chief Inspector may require, and, generally, shall conform to the directions of the Chief Inspector.

18. The Chief Inspector shall cause such secondary standards Examination as he may think requisite to be delivered to the Inspectors, and every Inspector shall, at such times and places as the Chief Inspector shall appoint (of which appointments public notice shall be given), attend with his secondary standards and examine all weights and measures brought to him, and at that time used, or intended to be used, within his Inspectoral District. Inspector may at any time examine any weights or measures brought to him and used, or intended to be used, within his Inspectoral District.

of weights and measures Inspectors.

19. An Inspector shall examine every weight and measure Comparison which is of the same denomination as one of his secondary standards and is brought to him for the purpose of verification, shall compare the same with such secondary standard, and, if he shall find the same to be just, and not already stamped or marked, he shall stamp or mark the same in such manner as the Governor may prescribe.

denomina-

20. Where an Inspector stamps, marks, or verifies any weight Certificates or measure, he shall deliver to the person bringing to him such weight or measure a certificate of justness in respect of the same, in the form set forth in Schedule G to this Ordinance, or to the like effect, and such certificate shall remain in force from the day on which the same was given for such period, not being less than a year, as the Governor may prescribe, and no longer. Every Inspector who shall neglect or refuse to deliver a certificate of justness as hereby required, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for each such offence.

of justness.

^{*} Two years prescribed by Governor's Order No. 19 of 1909 of 16th August, 1909 (Gazette No. 1,132 of August 21st, 1909).

Power of Inspectors to enter premises and seize weights and measures suspected to be false. 21. Every Inspector may, at all reasonable times, enter any shop, store, warehouse, stall, yard, or other place within his Inspectoral District, wherein he has reasonable cause to believe that any goods are bought, sold, exposed, or kept for sale, or weighed or measured for conveyance or carriage, and may require the production of, and examine, all weights, counterpoises, weighing-machines, and measures that may be there; and if, on such examination, he has reasonable cause to believe that any one of such weights, counterpoises, weighing-machines, or measures is made or used contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance, he may seize, carry away, and detain the same for the purpose of comparison thereof with a secondary standard.

Prohibition of adjustment of weight or measure by an Inspector. 22. No Inspector shall repair, alter, or adjust any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine, or measure examined by him.

V.—The Marking of Weights and Measures.

General requirements as to weights and measures. 23. No weight or measure shall be used for trade, or for the purpose of any sale, contract, or dealing, unless it be stamped or marked by an Inspector under this Ordinance, and any weight or measure so stamped or marked may, unless it is unjust, be used so long as the certificates of justness in respect thereof remains in force and no longer.

Marks required on weights. 24. Every weight exceeding one quarter of an ounce avoirdupois shall have its denomination as one of the weights specified in Schedules A and B to this Ordinance, or as a part or multiple of one of such weights, expressed in legible figures and letters on the top or side thereof.

Marks required on counterpoises. 25. Every counterpoise used with any weighing-machine shall, unless the weight of which it purports to be the equivalent is less than four ounces avoirdupois, have conspicuously and legibly stamped or marked thereon the letter C and the denomination of the weight of which it purports to be the equivalent.

Restriction of use of lead and pewter.

26. No weight or counterpoise made of lead or pewter, or any mixture thereof, shall be used, unless the same be wholly and substantially cased with brass, copper, or iron, and legibly stamped or marked "cased":

Provided that this section shall not prevent the insertion of such a plug of lead or pewter into any weight or counterpoise as may be required for the purpose of adjusting the same or affixing thereon any stamp or mark required by this Ordinance.

27. Any Inspector may refuse to stamp any iron weight, or Soft plugs for any weight cased with iron, unless the same shall have a plug iron weights. of softer metal upon which to impress or affix the stamp.

stamping on

28. Every measure, whether of capacity or length, shall have Marks its denomination as one of the measures specified in Schedules C required on measures. and D to this Ordinance, or as a part or multiple of one of such measures, expressed in legible figures and letters thereon, and, in the case of a measure of capacity, on the outside thereof.

29. A measure of capacity constructed as follows, that is to Mode of say, having a portion made of metal or other suitable material, measures of and sufficient to bear the stamps or marks required by this Ordinance, extending from the lower end, and the upper portion made wholly or partially of glass, or other transparent material, so that the level of the surface of the contents may be clearly seen, and with the level line distinctly marked upon the transparent portion, may be used for measuring liquids, and shall be filled to the level of the line so marked. All measures used for measuring liquids, not constructed as aforesaid, shall be filled to the level of the brim.

filling capacity.

All measures of capacity used for any other purpose than measuring liquids, either shall be stricken with a round stick or roller, straight and of the same diameter from end to end, or, if the article sold cannot, from its size and shape, conveniently be stricken, shall be filled in all parts as nearly to the level of the brim as the size and shape of the article will admit.

VI.—Prohibition of Illegal Weights and Measures.

30. The use, for the purpose of any sale, contract or dealing, Prohibition of of any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure which weights, etc. is false or unjust is hereby prohibited.

31. The use, for the purpose of any sale, contract or dealing, Prohibition of uncertificated of any weight or measure which is required by this Ordinance weights, etc. to be stamped or marked, by an Inspector or otherwise, and is not so stamped or marked, or in respect of which a certificate of justness is required by this Ordinance, and no such certificate is in force, is hereby prohibited.

32. Any sale, contract or dealing made by, or with reference Invalidity of to, any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure, the prohibited use of which, for the purpose of such sale, contract or dealing is weights, etc. prohibited by this Ordinance, shall be void.

VII.—OFFENCES AS TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Refusal of seller to weigh or measure.

- **33.** Every person selling goods, whether on his own behalf or on behalf of another, by weight or measure, in any warehouse, store, shop, market, or public place, shall, upon being so required by the person to whom the goods are delivered, and in the presence of the last-mentioned person—
 - (i) if the goods are sold by weight, weigh the same; or
 - (ii) if the goods are sold by measure, measure the same.

Any person required under this section to weigh or measure any goods, who refuses or neglects so to do in manner required by this section, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Use of unauthorised denomination. 34. Any person using for the purpose of any sale, contract or dealing, or having in his possession, for use in or for trade, any denomination of weight or measure, or any measure of shape or dimensions, not authorised by this Ordinance for such purpose or use, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.

Use of illegal weight, etc.

35. Any person using for the purpose of any sale, contract or dealing, or having in his possession, for use in, or for trade, any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure which is false or unjust, or which, if required by this Ordinance to be stamped or marked, by an Inspector or otherwise, is not so stamped or marked, or in respect of which, if a certificate of justness is required by this Ordinance, no such certificate is in force, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, or, in the case of a subsequent offence, to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Definition of "having in possession", etc.

36. Where any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure is found in the possession of any person carrying on trade within the meaning of this Ordinance, or in, or upon, the premises of any person, which, whether a building or in the open air, and whether open or enclosed, are used for trade, such person shall be deemed for the purposes of this Ordinance, until the contrary is proved, to have such weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine, or measure in his possession for use in, and for, trade.

Fraud in use of weights, etc.

37. Where any fraud is wilfully committed in the use of any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure, the person committing such fraud, and every person party to such fraud,

shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, or, in the case of a subsequent offence, to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

38. Any person who refuses to produce to an Inspector any Refusing weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure in his weights, etc. possession or custody whereof such Inspector requires the and production under this Ordinance, or who obstructs or hinders Inspector. any Inspector in any examination under this Ordinance of any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

39. Any Inspector who stamps or marks any weight or Inspector measure without duly verifying the same by comparison with without without the proper secondary standard in his possession, shall be guilty verification. of an offence, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

40. Every person who knowingly makes or sells, or knowingly Dealing in causes to be made or sold, any unjust weight, counterpoise, weights, etc. weighing-machine or measure, shall be guilty of an offence, and, in respect of the first offence, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and, in respect of a subsequent offence, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

41. Every person who forges or counterfeits, or causes or Forging procures to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly assists in forging or counterfeiting, any stamp or mark used for stamping or marking any weight or measure under this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

42. Every person who knowingly sells, alters, disposes of, or Dealing in exposes for sale, any weight or measure with any forged or weights, etc. counterfeited stamp or mark thereon resembling, or intended to resemble, any stamp or mark used under this Ordinance, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

43. Every weight or measure having thereon any forged or Forfeiture of counterfeit counterfeited stamp or mark resembling, or intended to resemble, weights, etc. any stamp or mark used under this Ordinance, shall be forfeited to Her Majesty, and may at any time be seized by any Inspector acting within his Inspectoral District.

Alteration of marks.

- 44. (1) Every person who, with intent to defraud, alters any weight or measure stamped or marked according to this Ordinance; and
- (2) Every person who, with intent to defraud, uses in any sale, contract, or other dealing, any weight or measure altered as aforesaid;

shall be guilty of an offence, and in respect of a first offence shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and in respect of a subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

Procedure.

45. Every offence against this Ordinance may be heard and determined by a Magistrate.

Appropriation of penalties.

46. All penalties imposed under this Ordinance shall, when recovered, be paid into the general revenue of the Colony:

Provided that the Governor may award any portion of any such penalty, when recovered, to such person or persons, who shall have been of assistance in the prosecution, as he may think fit.

Forfeiture on conviction.

47. Where an Inspector shall have reasonable and probable cause to believe that an offence against this Ordinance has been committed in respect of any weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure, he may, acting within his Inspectoral District, seize such weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure; and upon conviction of any person of an offence in relation thereto, such weight, counterpoise, weighing-machine or measure shall be liable, at the discretion of the convicting Magistrate, to be forfeited to Her Majesty.

Imprisonment in default of payment of penalties. 48. In default of payment of any penalty imposed for a breach of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, the convicting Magistrate may order that the person making the default shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding the period specified in the following scale—

where the penalty does not exceed five pounds, for any term not exceeding two months;

where the penalty exceeds five pounds, but does not exceed ten pounds, for any term not exceeding three months;

where the penalty exceeds ten pounds, but does not exceed twenty-five pounds, for any term not exceeding four months;

where the penalty exceeds twenty-five pounds, but does not exceed fifty pounds, for any term not exceeding six months; and any such imprisonment shall be determined upon payment of such penalty.

VIII.—WEIGHING MACHINES.

49. (1) Every weighing machine used for trade shall be Stamping of verified and stamped by an Inspector with such a stamp of machines. verification as the Governor may prescribe.

- (2) Every person who uses, or has in his possession for use, for trade any weighing machine not stamped as required by this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding five pounds, or in the case of a subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.
- 50. No weighing machine shall be stamped which is not in Weighing the opinion of the Inspector examining the same sufficiently insufficient strong to withstand the wear and tear of ordinary use in trade.

51. An Inspector may refuse to stamp a weighing-machine unless the same is provided with a plug or stud of soft metal on which to place the stamp, such plug or stud being made irremovable by undercutting or in some other suitable manner. not provided

Power of Inspector to refuse to stamp weighing machine with stud of soft metal.

52. Where an Inspector finds that a weighing machine which Obliteration has been stamped under section 49 is no longer true he shall obliterate the stamp with such a mark as the Governor may prescribe, and thereupon such weighing machine shall be deemed not to have been stamped within the meaning of the said section:

of stamps on weighing machines.

Provided that where in the opinion of the Inspector the circumstances are not such as to require the immediate obliteration of the stamp, he may give the person who has the weighing machine a written notice calling on him to correct the same within a stated period, and he shall obliterate the stamp if the correction has not been made within such period.

Application of section 41 to weighing machines.

Prohibition of the importation, etc., of springbalances graded otherwise than in avoirdupois or troy weights.

- 53. Section 41 shall apply to weighing machines in like manner as it applies to weights and measures.
- 54. (1) Any person who, without the written permission of the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures—
 - (a) imports or causes to be imported; or
 - (b) uses or has in his possession for use for trade,
- any spring-balance which is graded with any denomination of weights other than avoirdupois or troy weights shall be guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.
- (2) Any permission granted by the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures under this section may be subject to such conditions as he may think fit.

Determination by Governor of difference between Chief Inspector and any other person.

55. If any difference arises between the Chief Inspector and any other person as to the method of testing or verifying any weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument, such difference shall, on the request of either party, be determined by the Governor whose decision shall be final.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Power to make rules.

- **56.** The Governor in Council may make rules—
- (a) prescribing fees to be taken by Inspectors for stamping, marking or verifying weights and measures and weighing machines under this Ordinance; and
- (b) prescribing the shape and dimension of any measure of capacity authorised by this Ordinance to be used.

After the coming into operation of such rule no measure of any denomination therein specified—

- (a) shall be deemed to be just within the meaning of section 19 of this Ordinance; and
- (b) shall be stamped, or marked, or verified; unless it shall comply with the terms prescribed in such rules.

The provisions of section 29 of this Ordinance with regard to striking shall not apply to any measure which complies with the terms prescribed in such rule.

No rule made under this section shall affect the validity of any certificate of justness previously given, so long as such certificate remains in force;

(c) for the better carrying into effect any of the purposes of this Ordinance.

57. All actions or other proceedings for anything done by any Limitation of Inspector under this Ordinance shall be commenced within four months after the matter complained of was done, and not later. and notice in writing of such action or other proceeding, with full particulars of the cause thereof, shall be given to the defendant one month at least before the commencement of such action or proceeding.

In every such action the defendant may plead the general issue, and give this Ordinance and the special matter in evidence at the trial. No plaintiff shall recover in any such action, if tender of sufficient amends was made before such action was commenced, or if a sufficient sum of money is paid into Court after such action is commenced, together with costs incurred up to the time of such payment into Court. If the plaintiff becomes nonsuit or discontinues the action, or if in any way judgment is given against the plaintiff, the defendant shall be entitled to full costs as between solicitor and client.

58. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall inure to prevent Vessels not the sale, or subject a person to a fine under this Ordinance for represented as Imperial the sale of an article in any vessel, where such vessel is not measure. represented as containing any amount of Imperial measure, nor subject a person to a fine under this Ordinance for the possession of any vessel, where it is shown that such vessel is not intended for use as a measure.

59. The Governor in Council may from time to time, by Power of Order, extend all or any of the provisions of this Ordinance to extension to the the Protectorate or any part thereof, and when any Order is Protectorate. made under this section, the Governor may appoint such persons as he shall think fit to be Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors within the area to which such Order applies, and such Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors within such area shall have all the powers of an Inspector or Assistant Inspector of the Colony, + and all offences under this Ordinance shall be heard and determined in the appropriate Magistrate's Court in the Protectorate and such Court shall have all the powers conferred on a Magistrate of the Colony by this Ordinance.

^{*} By Order-in-Council No. 6 of 1924 (Gazette No. 2182 of July 26, 1924), the whole of this Ordinance applies to every part of the Protectorate.

[†] The Provincial Commissioners of the three provinces of the Protectorate are appointed Inspectors of Weights and Measures within the Protectorate, and all District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners stationed in any District in the Protectorate are appointed Deputy Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the Protectorate. (Gazette No. 2185 of 16th August, 1924.)

Sec. 3 and 8.

SCHEDULE A.

AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHTS.

Denominations.				Parts or Multiples of a Pound Avoirdupois.			
Grain Dram Ounce Stone Quarter Hundred Ton	 lweight	 t		One seven-thousandth. One two-hundred-and-fifty-sixth. One-sixteenth. Fourteen. Twenty-eight. One hundred and twelve. Two thousand two hundred and forty.			

Sec. 4 and 8.

SCHEDULE B.

TROY WEIGHTS.

Denom	ination	ıs.	Parts or Multiples of a Pound Avoirdupois.		
Grain Pennyweight Ounce Pound	t		One seven-thousandth. Twenty-four seven-thousandths. Four hundred and eighty-seven-thousandths. Five thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven-thousandths.		

Sec. 5 and 10.

SCHEDULE C.

IMPERIAL MEASURES OF CAPACITY.

Denominations.				Parts or multiples of a Gallon.		
Pint	•		•••	One-eighth.		
Quart				One-fourth.		
\mathbf{Peck}		•••		Two.		
Bushel				Eight.		
Quarter			•••	Sixty-four.		
Chaldron	ì		•••	Two hundred and eighty-eight.		

Sec. 6 and 10.

SCHEDULE D.

IMPERIAL MEASURES OF LENGTH.

Denomin	ations.	Parts or multiples of a Yard.		
Inch Foot Pole or perch Chain Furlong Mile		 One thirty-sixth. One-third. Five-and-a-half. Twenty-two. Two hundred and twenty. One thousand seven hundred and sixty.		

SCHEDULE E.

Sec. 7 and 10.

IMPERIAL MEASURES OF SURFACE.

Denominations.			Parts or multiples of a Square Yard.
Square inch Square foot Square pole Rood Acre			One one-thousand-two-hundred-and-ninety-sixth. One-ninth. Thirty and a quarter. One thousand two hundred and ten. Four thousand eight hundred and forty.

SCHEDULE F.

Sec. 12.

MEASURE OF LENGTH.

An imperial standard yard graduated to parts of one-eighth part of an inch.

MEASURES OF AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT.

One hundred and twelve pounds, or a hundredweight. Fifty-six pounds, or half a hundredweight. Twenty-eight pounds, or a quarter. Fourteen pounds, or a stone. Seven pounds. Four pounds. Two pounds. One pound. Half a pound. One-fourth of a pound. An ounce. Half an ounce. One-fourth of an ounce.

MEASURES OF CAPACITY.

A bushel. Half a bushel. A peck. A gallon. Half a gallon. A quart. A pint. Half a pint. One-fourth of a pint or gill.

SCHEDULE G.

Sec. 20.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF JUSTNESS.

I hereby certify	that the	following weights	and m	easures, na	mely
brought to					
stamped (or marked,	or verified)	by me, the same	having	been exan	ainec
and found correct by		•	Ü		
Dated at	this	day of		19	,
		(Signed)	*****************		
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Note.—This certifica	te remains i	n force for	from	the date he	reof.