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MEMORANDUM

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THE BRANDING OF STOCK AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 1909.

1. This Ordinance has been passed by the Legislative Council to make certain alterations in the "Branding of Stock Ordinance 1907".
2. Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance directed that the characters branded on cattle should be two and a half inches in height. This provision was inserted at the request of stock-owners who at that time considered that in order to facilitate the recognition of stock stolen or straying the brand should be larger than that prescribed in the Ordinance as originally drafted. They have since come to the conclusion that the disadvantages of a brand of unusual size, especially when branded on young animals, outweigh the advantages and have requested that the law may be altered in this respect. The Ordinance under consideration now directs that the size of the brand on horses, cattle and ostriches shall be not less than one and a quarter inches in height.
3. Section 9 of the Principal Ordinance directed that the first brand should be imprinted on the neck. This provision also was made at the request of stock-owners who considered that the value of the hides of their stock would be depreciated by branding on the rump or shoulder. A large number of stock-owners are now satisfied that there are substantial objections to branding on the neck of the animal and the law is by this Ordinance altered so as to permit of the first

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Brand being imprinted either on the rear side of the rump or on the rear side of the neck as the owner may think fit.

4. Section 33 of the Principal Ordinance prohibits the use of a brand other than a brand registered under the Ordinance. The Director of Agriculture recommends that the owner of a registered brand should be permitted to brand his stock with a distinctive brand for the purpose of marking the age of the animal or any other circumstances he may require to note, provided that such brand is imprinted on such portion of the animal as is not reserved for receiving the imprint of the registered brand.

A Proviso is by this Ordinance added to Section 33 to give effect to this recommendation which is in accordance with the wishes expressed by a large number of stock-owners.

5. The Ordinance is one to which His Excellency may properly assent.

W. H. Corbett.

GROWN ADVOCATE.

12-7-09.