

THRESHING MACHINES.

CHAPTER 174.

[H. B. No. 45—Piper.]

INJURIES TO THRESHING MACHINES.

AN ACT Prohibiting the Secreting of Any Stone, Wood, Iron or Other Substance in Any Sheaf, Shock, Pile, Load or Stack of Grain, That Might or Could Injure or Destroy Any Threshing Machine or Cause the Death or Injury to Any Person or Any Damage to Personal Property and Prescribing the Measure of Damages That May Be Recovered, and Prescribing Punishment for the Violation of the Provisions Hereof.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. PLACING OF SUBSTANCES IN GRAIN THAT WOULD CAUSE INJURY TO PERSONS OR MACHINE MADE A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY. [PUNISHMENT FOR.] Every person who shall wantonly, maliciously, or mischievously put, place or conceal in any sheaf, shock, pile, load or stack of wheat, oats or other grain, any stone, wood, iron or other substance, which if fed into a threshing machine would or could injure such machine or any part thereof or that could or might cause the death, maiming or injury of any person employed about said machine, shall on conviction thereof be deemed guilty as follows: If the injury caused by the violation of this section results in the death of any person, of manslaughter in the first degree; if the injury caused as aforesaid results in maiming or injury to any person or breaking of the machine, of a felony. In all other cases he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 2. VIOLATORS RESPONSIBLE TO OWNER OF MACHINE FOR DAMAGES.] Every person violating the provisions of section 1 of this act shall be liable to the owner of the machine injured for all the damages arising from such violation including the actual damage caused and all damage and loss such owner may sustain by reason of stoppage caused by such breakage, to be recovered in the same manner that civil damages for an injury are now recoverable.

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