**IMPOUNDING ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1931**

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Second reading

**The ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Hon. W. J. Denny)—**This Bill is introduced for the purpose of making a number of administrative amendments to the Impounding Act, 1920. Clause 2 is inserted at the request of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and provides that in every public pound there shall be provided a structure adequate for the purpose of affording shelter to cattle impounded in the pound. Section 14. of the Impounding Act, 1920, gives power to a ranger to impound any cattle found straying upon any road within the district for which he is appointed. Clause 3 provides that, in addition to the ranger, any officer of the council or any person authorised in that behalf by any such officer may also impound cattle straying on any such road. In addition the clause provides that in any case where the ranger or officer finds cattle straying on any road which comprises the boundary of his district or which abuts on the district, he may impound the cattle even though the portion of the road on which the cattle are found is outside the district. At present the ranger cannot impound cattle found in such circumstances. Under section 33 of the principal Act it is provided among other things that a sale of impounded cattle is to take place at the public pound where the cattle are impounded. It has been pointed out that sales at the pounds attract little attention, and the cattle are often sold at these auctions at prices which do not cover the impounding charges. Clause 4 provides therefore that in any case where it is so decided by the mayor or chairman of the municipality or district in question the sale shall take place at a stock sale yard appointed by the mayor or chairman. Section 41 of the principal Act deals with the rights of an owner of land to destroy goats, pigs, dogs, or poultry trespassing on his land. Section 23 of the Registration, of Dogs Act, 1924, also deals with trespassing dogs, and in some measure the two sections are inconsistent. It has been considered desirable to have the law relating to trespassing dogs contained in the Registration of Dogs Act, 1924 and clause 5 consequently deletes all references to dogs in section 41 of the Impounding Act 1920. I move the second reading.

Mr. LYONS secured the adjournment of the debate until August 5.