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Fox Destruction Scheme

SCHEME, DATED 21ST MARCH, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION TWO OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1959(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture having considered recommendations made to it by county committees of agriculture and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section two of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1959, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Fox Destruction Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of March, 1960.

Payment of Bounties

2.—(1) With the object of encouraging the destruction of foxes, the Ministry may pay a bounty in respect of each fox killed in Northern Ireland subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) Application for payment of bounty shall be in such form as may be required by the Ministry.

(*b*) The applicant shall present the whole carcase or head of each fox at a police station in or serving the county in which the fox was killed, and shall, in the presence of a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, cut out the tongue of such fox.

(*c*) The applicant shall remove from the police station the carcase or, where the head only was presented, the head, together with the tongue of each fox, and shall bury or otherwise dispose of same in such manner as will ensure that there shall be no public nuisance.

(2) The rates of bounty payable by the Ministry shall be as specified in the Schedule, and the bounty in respect of each fox killed shall be paid only after a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary has certified that, to the best of his knowledge, the particulars given in the application are correct.

Employment of Trappers

3. For the purpose of securing and assisting the destruction of foxes, the Ministry may employ persons to trap foxes and to help and advise farmers and others in connection with such destruction.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 21st day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.) *J. C. Baird,*
Assistant Secretary.

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