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establishments, handling five thousand metric tons and above; second-class establishments, handling between two thousand five hundred and five thousand metric tons; third-class establishments, handling between two thousand and two thousand five hundred metric tons; fourth-class establishments, handling between one thousand and two thousand metric tons; fifth-class establishments, handling between five hundred and one thousand metric tons; and sixth-class establishments, handling less than five hundred metric tons.

[2380-3 (c).]

The classification of grading establishments shall be based on the quantity of fiber graded and baled during the year previous to the one for which a grading permit is desired. In the case of a new establishment, the classification shall be made at the end of the first year and it shall pay the fee corresponding to such year; and the Director of Agriculture may, in his discretion, require a bond in a reasonable amount to secure such payment.

[2380-3 (d).]

SECTION 1875. *Grading Permits.* — No person shall engage in grading abacá, maguey, or sisal, unless a permit shall have previously been obtained, which shall be signed by the Director of Agriculture, such permits to be known as "grading permits".

[2380-3 (b).]

SECTION 1876. *Fees for Grading Permits.* — Grading permits shall be furnished to any grading establishment the owner or owners of which shall prove to the Director of Agriculture that they possess the necessary qualifications to carry on the work, and on payment in advance of an annual fee of one thousand pesos for first-class, five hundred pesos for second-class, two hundred and fifty pesos for third-class, one hundred pesos for fourth-class, fifty pesos for fifth-class, and twenty-five pesos for sixth-class establishments.

[2380-3 (d).]

SECTION 1877. *Charges for Grading and Baling.* — So far as their facilities shall extend beyond the requirements of their own business, grading establishments shall grade and bale fibers for other owners when delivered in fit condition for such process. No grading establishment shall charge more than eight pesos per metric ton for baling and grading any fiber within the purview of this law; but any expense incident to tying the fiber into hanks of proper size or drying it, if wet, shall be borne by the owner.