

bage contractor; and not exceeding \$50,000 may be expended for the purchase of the property of the miscellaneous refuse contractor: *Provided*, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to acquire by lease all or any part of the plant, equipment, buildings, and grounds of either of the present contractors engaged in the collection and removal of garbage and miscellaneous refuse, or property used by them, or such other equipment, buildings and grounds as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Proviso.
Lease of plants, etc.,
of present contractors.

SEC. 6. That should the Commissioners of the District of Columbia find that the garbage in the District can be disposed of in a sanitary manner and as economically by feeding it to pigs, live stock and poultry on the land of the Home for the Aged and Infirm, located at Blue Plains, District of Columbia, or on the land of the workhouse and reformatory, of the District of Columbia, located at Occoquan and Lorton, Virginia, or both, or on such other land as the said commissioners may be able to acquire by purchase or lease in the States of Virginia or Maryland, the said commissioners are authorized to use either or all of said designated lands, or to purchase or lease land in the States of Virginia or Maryland for the purpose, and to adopt the pig, live stock or poultry feeding method of disposal.

Use of garbage for
feeding pigs, etc., on
lands owned, etc., by
District of Columbia.

SEC. 7. That not exceeding \$200,000 of the appropriation authorized herein may be expended for the purchase of pigs, live stock and poultry.

Amount for purchase
of pigs, etc.

SEC. 8. That should the Commissioners of the District of Columbia find that under existing circumstances the methods of disposal of garbage hereinbefore authorized are inadvisable, they are authorized to secure for temporary use sufficient land, and to acquire the necessary equipment to bury the garbage collected in the District of Columbia.

Alternative disposal
of garbage authorized.

SEC. 9. That every person, corporation, association or institution in the District of Columbia, under such rules and regulations as the commissioners may prescribe, may transport in closed metal containers from the place of origin to places outside of the District of Columbia any refuse, including meat, bread, and vegetables, not in a decayed or decomposed condition, to be fed to poultry, pigs, or other live stock at any place where such feeding is not prohibited by law.

Transportation of
garbage in metal con-
tainers out of the Dis-
trict permitted.

SEC. 10. That products arising from any method of disposal adopted by the commissioners under the authority of this Act, may be sold, and the proceeds therefrom shall be repaid to the then current appropriation for the collection and disposal of garbage and miscellaneous refuse.

Sale, etc., of products
by Commissioners.

SEC. 11. That in order to put into effect and operate such method of disposal as may be adopted by the commissioners under the provisions of this Act, the said commissioners are authorized to secure the necessary means of transportation, including the hire or purchase of horses and horse-drawn vehicles and passenger-carrying and other motor-propelled vehicles; additional equipment, buildings and machinery; and to employ expert and other personal services and labor; and to pay traveling, maintenance, incidental and contingent expenses.

Vehicle, equipment,
services, etc., for, au-
thorized.

SEC. 12. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act an appropriation in the sum of \$620,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized, one-half to be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

Half from District
revenues.

Approved, May 6, 1918.