



CHAPTER 3.

An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act, 1915."

1915, c. 2; 1917,
c. 3; 1918, c. 3;
1919, c. 2.

[Assented to 17th April, 1920.]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Act, 1915, Amendment Act, 1920." Short title.

2. Section 2 of the "Agricultural Act, 1915," being chapter 2 of the Statutes of 1915, is amended by striking out the definition of "association" as enacted by section 2 of chapter 3 of the Statutes of 1917, and by striking out subsection (2) as enacted by section 2 of chapter 3 of the Statutes of 1918. Amends s. 2.

3. Section 3 of said chapter 2 is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:— Re-enacts s. 3.

"3. This Act is divided into five parts, relating to the following subjects:—

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4. Parts II., III., IV., V., and VI., including sections 68 to 135, of said chapter 2 and all amendments of those sections are repealed. Repeal of Parts II. to VI.

5. Said chapter 2 is amended by inserting therein the following as Part II.:— Re-enacts Part II.

"PART II.

"AID TO FARMERS' AND WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

Grants to Farmers' Institutes.

"68. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this Part, the Minister, out of the moneys voted by the Legislature in any year for the purpose of aiding Farmers' Institutes, may grant to each Farmers' Institute an allowance not exceeding the following:—

"(a.) To each institute having not less than fifteen and not more than fifty members whose annual fees are fully paid up, the sum of one dollar for each paid-up member:

"(b.) To each institute having more than fifty members whose annual fees are fully paid, the sum of fifty dollars, and a further sum of fifty cents each for all paid-up members over fifty and up to one hundred, inclusive, and a further sum of twenty-five cents for each paid-up member over one hundred;

but the allowance made per member shall in no case exceed the amount of the annual membership fee payable by each member.

Application of grant.

"(2.) The grant may be made to the institute direct, or may be applied in such manner as the Minister directs.

Appropriations for educational work.

"69. (1.) The Minister may, in his discretion, devote part of the yearly sum voted by the Legislature in aid of Farmers' Institutes to any purpose having as its object the promotion and extension of Farmers' Institutes, and to educational work connected therewith.

Grants to associations carrying on similar work.

"(2.) Where an association or society incorporated under any Act of the Legislature, although not known as a Farmers' Institute, is carrying on work of substantially the same character as that carried on by Farmers' Institutes, the Minister may, in his discretion, grant an allowance under this Part to that association or society to the like extent as if it had been incorporated as a Farmers' Institute.

"(3.) Where the amount available from the sum voted in any year is insufficient to provide for the grant in full to Farmers' Institutes of the allowance authorized by this Part, the amount available shall be apportioned among the institutes pro rata.

Conditions of grant.

"70. Subject to section 69, no grant shall be made to a Farmers' Institute unless:—

"(a.) It has been incorporated under the 'Societies Act,' or by the provisions of that Act is deemed to be incorporated thereunder; and

"(b.) Its name includes the words 'Farmers' Institute'; and

"(c.) Its objects relate to agriculture, horticulture, or arboriculture, and have been strictly adhered to, and its funds have been devoted solely to the promotion of its objects; and

"(d.) Its membership consists of annual subscribers who pay an annual fee of not less than one dollar each; and

“(e.) It has complied with all regulations applicable to it.

“71. (1.) The Minister may from time to time designate any portion of the Province as a district for the purpose of the formation of a Farmers’ District Institute, and may from time to time reduce or enlarge the district. The Farmers’ Institutes within any district designated by the Minister may organize a Farmers’ District Institute by each institute nominating a delegate to represent it at meetings of the Farmers’ District Institute.

Organization of
Farmers’ District
Institutes.

“(2.) A Farmers’ District Institute may meet to discuss and promote the interests of the Farmers’ Institutes in its district.

Meetings.

“72. There shall be an officer, under the direction of the Minister, to be known as the ‘Superintendent of Farmers’ Institutes,’ who shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the ‘Civil Service Act,’ and shall discharge such duties as may be assigned to him by the Minister or by the regulations.

Appointment of
Superintendent of
Farmers’ Institutes.

“73. (1.) An Advisory Board composed of delegates from the Farmers’ District Institutes, each of which may from time to time nominate one member, shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by the Minister, to inform and advise him on all matters of interest to Farmers’ Institutes.

Advisory Board.

“(2.) The members of the Advisory Board shall receive no remuneration for their services, but their actual travelling expenses necessarily incurred on any journey previously approved by the Minister shall be paid out of the moneys voted by the Legislature for the purpose of aiding Farmers’ Institutes.

Remuneration of
members.

“(3.) The Minister may appoint some person in his Department to act as Secretary of the Advisory Board.

Secretary.

“74. (1.) The foregoing provisions of this Part shall apply mutatis mutandis to Women’s Institutes, except that the objects of a Women’s Institute shall relate to the improvement of the conditions of rural life, and the annual membership fee may be any sum not less than fifty cents per member.

Women’s Institutes.

“(2.) In applying the foregoing provisions of this Part for the purposes of this section, they shall be applied with the substitution of Women’s Institute for Farmers’ Institute, Women’s Institutes for Farmers’ Institutes, Women’s District Institute for Farmers’ District Institute, and Superintendent of Women’s Institutes for Superintendent of Farmers’ Institutes.

Rules governing
application of
provisions.

“75. Stumping-powder and explosives for land-clearing and other agricultural purposes may be purchased by the Minister and sold by him for the use of members of Farmers’ Institutes under arrangements approved by the Minister from time to time. Such sums of money as may be required by the Minister for the purchase of stumping-powder and explosives, not exceeding in all the sum of twenty thousand dollars at any one time, shall be advanced to him by the Minister of Finance out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. All moneys collected from the sale of stumping-powder and

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explosives shall be paid by the Minister into the Consolidated Revenue Fund."

Re-enacts Part III.

6. Said chapter 2 is amended by inserting therein the following as Part III.:—

"PART III.

"ASSOCIATIONS HOLDING GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Application of Part III.

"76. Where an association has at any time been subject to or governed by Part III. of this Act, and where moneys have heretofore been advanced to the association by way of loan out of the public moneys of the Province, then, so long as the loan or any part of it remains outstanding, the provisions of this Part shall apply to that association.

Consent of Minister to withdrawal of members.

"77. The consent of the Minister, in writing, shall be a condition precedent to the withdrawal from the association of any of its members, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'

Partial release of security by Crown.

"78. (1.) Where it is necessary for the purpose of enabling any association to secure advances of money for carrying on or extending its business, or for the purpose of the erection of buildings, or for any other purpose having as its object the improvement and extension of the work of the association, that the uncalled capital or any part of the property of the association included in the charge created in favour of the Crown as security for the loan be made available for the purposes of the association, then, on the recommendation of the Minister and subject to such supervision of expenditure and to such conditions as to the giving of further security by the association as he may require, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may release from the charge so held by the Crown the whole or any part of such uncalled capital, and may release therefrom any part of such property.

Release of real estate.

"(2.) In case of the release of real estate held under mortgage from the association as security for the loan, the Minister of Finance shall execute all instruments necessary to be executed by him to render the release effective.

Preservation of other securities.

"(3.) No release under this section shall affect the liability of the association for the repayment of the loan, nor in any way prejudice the rights of the Crown in respect of any other security held for its repayment.

Inspection of association's books and accounts.

"79. The books and accounts of the association shall be open at all times to inspection by the Minister or any person authorized by him to make the inspection, and the Minister may give directions to the association as to any particulars which he deems necessary to be shown in the books or accounts; and all officers of the association shall carry out the directions so given, and shall furnish to the Minister such information as he may from time to time request as to the business and affairs of the association.

"80. Within thirty days after the date of each annual general meeting of the association, the association shall file with the Minister a copy of its annual profit and loss account and balance-sheet, and of the reports of the directors and auditors thereon, prepared as prescribed by the 'Co-operative Associations Act.' Filing of annual accounts and reports with Minister.

"81. (1.) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), depreciation shall be calculated annually at the following rates upon the cost of the buildings and plant of the association, and shall be chargeable to its profit and loss account:— Rules for calculating depreciation.

"(a.) On buildings constructed of concrete, brick, or stone, and with slate, tile, or iron roofs, not less than two and one-half per cent.:

"(b.) On buildings of wood, machinery, vans, and carts, and all other plant, not less than five per cent.

"(2.) Where any building or plant has been abandoned or discarded, the undischarged balance of its first cost, with the cost of any subsequent additions or renewals, shall also be written off. Provision where building or plant is discarded.

"(3.) Where the first cost of any building or plant and its additions or renewals has been completely written off by the annual depreciation charges, no further depreciation shall be charged on account of such building or plant, except in respect of any later additions or renewals made thereto." Provision where cost has been completely written off.

7. Said chapter 2 is amended by renumbering Part VII. as Part IV., and by renumbering sections 136 to 152, included in that Part, as sections 82 to 98 respectively. Renumbers Part VII.

8. Part VIII., including sections 153 to 159, of said chapter 2 and all amendments of those sections are repealed. Repeal of Part VIII.

9. Said chapter 2 is amended by inserting therein the following as Part V.:— Re-enacts Part V.

"PART V.

" MISCELLANEOUS.

"99. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time make such rules, orders, and regulations as may be required for the purpose of effectually carrying out the provisions of this Act; and every such rule, order, or regulation shall have the same force and effect as if it had been enacted herein." Regulations.

10. The Schedules to said chapter 2 are repealed. Repeals Schedules.

11. This Act shall come into operation on the date on which the "Co-operative Associations Act" and the "Societies Act," being Acts of the present session, come into operation. Commencement.