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AN ACT to authorise the Raising of a Sum 1930.

of Twenty Thousand Pounds for Assistance
to Primary Producers to enable them to
provide Work for Unemployed Persons in
certain cases. [2 August, 1930.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as "The Unemployed (Assistance to Short title. Primary Producers) Relief Act, 1930."

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A.D. 1930.

Administration. 7 Ed. VII. No. 20.

Power to Board to make advances.

- 2 This Act shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Agricultural Bank (hereinafter called "the Board"), constituted under the provisions of the State Advances Act, 1907.
- 3—(1) The Board may make an advance by way of loan, out of moneys at its disposal for the purposes of this Act, to any person who satisfies the Board that he-
 - 1. Is engaged in any primary industry in this State:
 - II. Requires such advance to enable him to effect permanent improvements to the satisfaction of the Board to the property upon which such primary industry is carried on: and
 - III. Is employing, or proposes to employ, therein persons eligible for employment as hereinafter provided and approved by the Board.
- (2) Any person shall be eligible for employment in accordance with the provisions of this Act if at the date of his engagement in any such employment his name is, and for not less than ten days immediately preceding that date has been, recorded in good faith in the books of the Industrial Department or of the council clerk of any municipality as that of a person unemployed.

(3) The Board may refuse any advance if in its opinion there is any doubt whether any person proposed to be employed as aforesaid is eligible for employment or if in its opinion any person proposed to be employed by means of such advance is not genuinely deserving of relief under this Act.

(4) Every such advance shall be applied in accordance with this Act in or towards effecting such improvements as aforesaid, and, except as hereinafter provided, the full amount thereof shall be applied in payment of wages to persons employed in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained.

(5) The Board, in any case in which it thinks fit, may permit the application of such proportion, not exceeding one-fifth, of any such advance as aforesaid to be applied in payment for materials or hire of plant required for any such improvements as aforesaid.

(6) The amount of any such advance shall be determined by the Board, but shall not exceed in any case such sum as may be prescribed.

(7) Every such advance shall be made upon such terms and conditions as the Board, subject to this Act, shall in each case determine, and shall be repayable within such period, not exceeding ten years, as the Board in each case may think fit, and such terms and conditions may provide for the remuneration to be payable to any person to be employed by means of such advance.

(8) The Board may require any person to whom any such advance is made to effect and keep on foot in respect of all persons employed by means of such advance a policy of insurance to secure the payment of any moneys which may become payable to or in respect of every such employee during such employment under the provisions of the

Workers' Compensation Act, 1927.

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4-(1) Subject to the provisions of Subsection (2) hereof, every A.D. 1930. advance under this Act shall bear interest at the rate of Five Pounds per centum per annum on the amount thereof and shall be payable Interest... half-yearly in such manner as the Board in each case may direct.

- (2) Upon payment of a half-year's interest on any such advance at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings per centum per annum within one month (or such further time as the Board in any case may allow for any reason which the Board may think sufficient) after the same becomes due, the Board shall accept the same in lieu of, and in satisfaction for, the interest prescribed by Subsection (1) hereof.
- 5—(1) The Board may cause advertisements to be published at such Application for times and in such manner as the Board may think best, calling for applications from persons eligible therefor for assistance under the provisions of this Act.

- (2) Every application for an advance under this Act shall be made to the Board not later than the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and shall be in such form, and contain such particulars, as the Board may require.
- (3) The Board may require such evidence as it thinks necessary in support of any statements in the application, and may require the applicant to attend before it for examination in any case.
- 6-(1) The Board, before making any advance under this Act, Security. may require and take such security for the repayment thereof as the Board in each case may think fit.

- (2) Such security as aforesaid shall be the best that can reasonably be obtained in the circumstances of the particular case, having regard to the position of the borrower.
- (3) Any such security may be taken in manner provided by the State Advances Act, 1907, and the provisions of that Act shall apply to 7 Ed. VII. No. any security so taken in the same manner as if the same were taken 20. under that Act.

7 Any security taken by the Board under this Act shall be exempt Exemptions from from stamp duty, and may be filed, recorded, or registered without fees and stamp payment of any fee therefor.

8 If any person to whom an advance has been made under this Act Advances to be applies any money advanced to him for any purpose other than that repayable if misfor which the advance was made, the amount of such advance, or any borrower ceases part thereof which has not been repaid to the Board, shall become due to carry on. and payable to the Board forthwith, and shall bear interest at the rate of Six Pounds per centum per annum from the date of such advance until repayment thereof.

9 The Board may sue for and recover from any person any moneys Recovery of payable by him to the Board under this Act in any court of competent jurisdiction, and may enforce and realise any security held by the Board therefor in any manner allowed by law.

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Power for Board to call for books, &c.

10 The Board at any time may require an applicant for an advance, or a person to whom any advance has been made which has not been repaid, to produce to the Board such books, papers, documents, and accounts relating to the advance, or to any work in respect of which the same is sought or was made, as in the opinion of the Board may be necessary.

Power to Treasurer to borrow £20,000.

- 11—(1) The Treasurer may raise, borrow, and receive for the purposes of this Act any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds.
- (2) The Treasurer, out of any moneys borrowed by him as aforesaid, may pay and advance to the Board for the purpose of making advances under this Act any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds

Cost of administration and application of moneys received.

- 12—(1) All expenses incurred in the administration of this Act shall be paid and defrayed out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for that purpose.
- (2) All moneys received by the Board in repayment of advances under this Act shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called "The Unemployed Relief Redemption Account," and all interest received by the Board shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue.

Offences.

13-(1) Any person who—

- I. In any application for assistance under this Act, or in any statement made in support of such application, makes a statement which, to his knowledge, is false in any material particular: or
- of advance or otherwise, wilfully applies the amount received by him or any part thereof to any purpose other than that for which the same was paid to him—

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: One hundred Pounds, or six months' imprisonment.

(2) Any person who, being lawfully required by the Board to produce to the Board any book, paper, document, or account, fails or refuses so to dc, without just cause, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Ten Pounds.

Regulations.

- 14—(1) The Governor may make regulations under and for the purposes of this Act, prescribing all matters and things which may be necessary or desirable for giving effect to such purposes.
- (2) Any such regulation may impose a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds for any breach of any regulation so made.