

Bill No. 22 of 1945.

A BILL TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT

NOTE.

Section 1 of this Bill strikes out sections 15 and 16 of the Act and substitutes new sections. These sections deal with grasshopper control. The new section 15 extends the authority of the Government to maintain at certain points reserves of ingredients necessary for poisoned bait and of the bait itself, the storage costs to be paid by the Province. The new section 16 clarifies the provisions as to the liability of municipalities in connection with the supply of poisoned bait. Subsection (1) sets out the responsibility of the municipalities when the ingredients of the bait are supplied to a municipality which has a mixing station, while subsection (2) defines the liability where the mixed bait is supplied to a municipality.

Section 2 of the Bill adds three new sections to the Act dealing with the control of bacterial ringrot. The new section 23 authorizes the Minister to purchase or procure stocks of suitable seed potatoes and store the same. Section 24 provides for the distribution and sale of the seed potatoes. Section 25 authorizes the Minister to purchase pesticides and to disinfect storage facilities and to make a charge for that service.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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No. 22 of 1945.

An Act to amend The Agricultural Pests Act.

(Assented to _____, 1945.)

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

1. *The Agricultural Pests Act*, being chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to sections 15 and 16 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“**15.**—(1) The Government may purchase sufficient quantities of poison and other ingredients necessary for the preparation of poisoned bait, and may maintain reserves of such supplies either in their original form or as mixed bait at such point or points as may be determined by the Department, and all the costs incidental to the maintaining and storage of such supplies shall be chargeable to the Province so long as the Province is custodian thereof.

“(2) The material so purchased and held in reserve, or the mixed bait, as the case may be, shall be available to all municipalities.

“**16.**—(1) Where the ingredients are supplied to a municipality, the Government shall charge to each improvement district or other municipality in which a mixing station is situated, one-half of the amount of the cost of the ingredients including in such cost the freight charges necessarily incurred in delivering the ingredients to the distributing centre established in the municipality.

“(2) Where mixed bait is supplied to a municipality, the Government shall charge to the improvement district or other municipality one-half of the amount of the cost of the ingredients including in such cost the freight charges necessarily incurred in delivering the ingredients to the central mixing station, the whole of the cost of preparation of the mixed bait, and one-half of the freight charges necessarily incurred in delivering the bait to the distributing centre established in the municipality.”

2. The said Act is further amended by adding immediately at the end thereof the following new Part:

“PART III

“CONTROL OF BACTERIAL RINGROT.

“**23.** For the purpose of controlling and eradicating as far as possible bacterial ringrot which menaces the potato

industry, the Minister is authorized to obtain by purchase, multiplication under supervision or other means which he may consider proper, stocks of suitable seed potatoes and to store the same at suitable points in the Province.

“24. The seed potatoes so acquired shall be distributed for planting in areas of the Province where bacterial ringrot prevails and shall be sold to growers at such price as the Minister may from time to time fix.

“25. For the purpose aforesaid, the Minister may purchase essential pesticides and may properly disinfect storage facilities, supplies and equipment and may establish a reasonable charge for this service.

“26. The expenditures incurred by the Minister in carrying out the provisions of sections 23, 24 and 25 shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of this Act.”

3. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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