

Bill No. 84 of 1947.

A BILL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE FORESTS ON THE EAST SLOPE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND THE PROTECTION OF THE WATERSHEDS OF THE RIVERS THEREIN

NOTE.

The purpose of this Bill is to authorize the Minister of Lands and Mines, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, to execute an agreement with the Dominion Government providing joint action between the Province and Dominion for the conservation of the forest on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains and for the protection of the watersheds. As this project is of importance to Saskatchewan and Manitoba as well as Alberta, the Dominion Government proposes to undertake the capital expenditure and part of the cost of maintenance, the Province undertaking part of the cost of maintenance and fire protection. The work is to be done by the Province under the supervision of a Board as set out in paragraph (e) of section 1 of the Bill.

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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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An Act Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Government of the Province of Alberta and the Government of the Dominion of Canada Providing for the Conservation of the Forests on the East Slope of the Rocky Mountains and the Protection of the Watersheds of the Rivers Therein.

(Assented to _____, 1947.)

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta are carrying on negotiations with a view to making an agreement for joint action for the conservation of the forest on the East Slope of the Rocky Mountains and for the protection of the watersheds of the rivers therein which are matters of great importance to Canada as a whole and especially to the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba;

And whereas, to conserve such forests which belong to and are administered by the Province and thereby protect such watersheds, more and better works and facilities for the protection of the forests must be provided, and the Government of Canada, in view of the interests involved in addition to the interests of the Province, is prepared to agree to contribute substantially to the cost of providing the necessary protection, and the Province is prepared to agree to the establishment of a Board which will plan, supervise and direct all such activities and deal with the problems which will arise from time to time in carrying out the proposed agreement:

Now therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The Minister of Lands and Mines, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the Province an agreement with the Government of Canada which may provide for,—

- (a) the carrying out of programmes designed to achieve the aforesaid objects, the said programmes to be carried out by the Province under the direction of the Board;
- (b) the payment by the Dominion of the capital expenditure necessary for the carrying out of the pro-

grammes to an amount not exceeding six million three hundred thousand dollars in the first six years of the agreement;

- (c) the payment by the Province of an annual sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars toward the yearly maintenance of a complete protective and forest management service, and in addition thereto such proportion of the fire-fighting costs as may be agreed to;
- (d) the continuance of the agreement for a period of twenty-five years subject to termination at the end of that period or thereafter on one year's notice;
- (e) the setting up of a Board which shall formulate and direct the carrying out of programmes, the chairman and another member and proxies to be appointed by the Governor in Council, and the third member and a proxy by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

2. The Minister of Lands and Mines, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may include in such agreement any stipulations, terms and conditions which in his opinion and that of the Lieutenant Governor in Council may be necessary or desirable for the effective carrying out of the true intent and purpose of the proposed agreement.

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

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