

Bill No. 39 of 1948.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN ADVANCES REQUIRED UNDER THE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE FORESTS ON THE EAST SLOPE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

NOTE.

This Bill introduces a new Act.

The Bill authorizes a working advance from the General Revenue Fund of five hundred thousand dollars to finance capital expenditures under the agreement with the Dominion Government providing for the conservation of forests on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains.

Order in Council No. 1348-47 authorizing an interim advance of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is validated.

Under the agreement the Dominion Government undertakes a program involving a capital expenditure of a sum not exceeding six million, three hundred thousand dollars. The Province carries out this program and is reimbursed quarterly for its actual expenditures. The five hundred thousand dollar advance is necessary in connection with the financing of this expenditure.

W. S. GRAY,
Legislative Counsel.

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

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No. 39 of 1948.

An Act to Authorize Certain Advances required under the
Agreement providing for the Conservation of the
Forests on the East Slope of the
Rocky Mountains.

(Assented to _____, 1948.)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Advances Act*".

2. From and out of the General Revenue Fund there may be advanced a sum or sums not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars as a working advance to finance the capital expenditures under the agreement dated the nineteenth day of June, A.D. 1947, and made between the Government of Canada, represented therein by the Honourable James Allison Glen, Minister of Mines and Resources, of the first part, and the Government of the Province of Alberta, represented therein by the Honourable Nathan Eldon Tanner, Minister of Lands and Mines, of the second part, providing for the conservation of the forests on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains and the protection of the watersheds and rivers therein.

3. A certain Order in Council dated the twenty-third day of December, 1947, and intituled O.C. 1348-47, and set forth in the Schedule to this Act, is hereby validated and confirmed and shall have the same force and effect as if the same had been enacted by this Act.

4. All moneys advanced pursuant to the said Order in Council shall be deemed to be advances from the working advance authorized by section 2.

5. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon so coming into force, shall be deemed to have been in force at all times since the twenty-third day of December, 1947.

Approved and Ordered,
(Signed) J. C. BOWEN,
Lieutenant Governor.

Edmonton, Tuesday, December 23rd, 1947.

The Executive Council has had under consideration the report of the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer, dated December 20th, 1947, stating that it appears from an application submitted by the Honourable the Minister of Lands and Mines:

That no provision has been made by the Legislature for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1947, to set up a working advance to take care of capital expenditures to be made by the Province on behalf of the "Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board", said expenditures to be reimbursed by the Dominion Government under the terms of an Agreement dated June 19th, 1947, and made between the Government of Canada represented therein by the Honourable James Allison Glen, Minister of Mines and Resources, of the first part, and the Government of the Province of Alberta, represented therein by the Honourable Nathan Eldon Tanner, Minister of Lands and Mines, of the second part; and

That such Agreement has been ratified by the Parliament of Canada, but has not been ratified by the Legislature of the Province; and that such ratification by the Province will be brought before the Legislature at the coming session thereof; and

That it is provided by The Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Act, being Chapter 59 of the Statutes of Canada, 1947, Section 8, as follows:

"8. (1) The Minister of Finance shall pay out of the unappropriated moneys in the Consolidated Revenue Fund for capital expenditures as and when incurred under the provisions of the Agreement, such sum or sums as may from time to time be required by the Board, not exceeding one million and fifty thousand dollars in any year and not exceeding six million three hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate;

"Provided that if the sum required by the Board and paid by the Minister of Finance in any year is less than one million and fifty thousand dollars, the Minister of Finance may in the next following year pay to the Board the amount by which one million and fifty thousand dollars exceeds the sum so required and paid, in addition to the yearly payment of one million and fifty thousand dollars for that year.

"(2) All expenditures of the Board other than the capital expenditures shall be paid out of moneys appropriated by Parliament and by the Legislature of the Province of Alberta respectively;" and

That the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board has approved the purchase of certain equipment by the Province for delivery subsequent to April 1st, 1948, to enable certain construction projects to be commenced in the Spring of 1948; and unless orders are placed immediately for this equipment, it is unlikely that delivery will be made in time for the work to commence on schedule; and

That it is desirable that the orders for the equipment be placed immediately and that a working advance of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) be provided, against which this expenditure may be committed; and

That the Honourable the Minister of Lands and Mines has recommended that a Special Warrant be issued in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid, as provided under Section 76 (b) of The Treasury Department Act, being Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, against which cheques may issue from time to time in the usual form as they may be required; and

Whereas no provision has been made by the Legislature for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1948, to meet the aforesaid expenditure;

Therefore, upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Minister of Lands and Mines and the report of the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer, the Executive Council advises that a Special Warrant do issue accordingly for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the purpose aforesaid.

(Signed) ERNEST C. MANNING,
Chairman.

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