Bill No. 23 of 1952.

A BILL TO AMEND THE METIS POPULATION BETTERMENT ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends The Metis Population Betterment Act, being chapter 329 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 4 is amended by striking out a portion of subsection (2) and by substituting two new subsections, (2a) and (2b). At present the control of the business and affairs of a Settlement Association is in a Board of five elected persons whose term of office and duties are prescribed by the constitution of the Association. The effect of the amendment is to substitute a Local Board of five members, consisting of the local supervisor of the area appointed by the Metis Rehabilitation Branch of the Department of Public Welfare as chairman and four members of the Settlement Association, two of whom are appointed by the Minister of Public Welfare and two of whom are elected by the members of the Association.

Section 12 is amended. The effect of this amendment is to reserve the timber on lands set aside for the settlement of members of the Association for the sole benefit of The Metis Settlement Associations. Formerly, such timber was reserved only for the Settlement Association and members to whom the lands had been allocated.

Sections 6, 7, 12, 13 and 22 are each amended to correct cross-references.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

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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. 23 of 1952.

An Act to amend The Metis Population Betterment Act.

(Assented to

, 1952.)

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

1. The Metis Population Betterment Act, being chapter 329 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

Section 4 amended

- 2. Section 4 is amended,—
 - (a) by striking out the words "and shall provide that the control of the business and affairs of the Settlement Association shall be in a board consisting of not more than five persons and shall make provision for the election of the members of the board and their respective terms of office and the manner in which the activities of the Settlement Association shall be carried on", where they occur in subsection (2):
 - (b) by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following new subsections:
 - "(2a) A Settlement Association shall have a Local Board consisting of a chairman who shall be the local supervisor of the area appointed by the Metis Rehabilitation Branch of the Department of Public Welfare and four members who shall be bona fide members of the Settlement Association.
 - "(2b) The Minister shall appoint two of the members of the Local Board and the members of the Settlement Association shall elect two of the members of the Local Board by secret ballot.".

Section 6

3. Section 6 is amended by striking out the words "The Provincial Lands Act," wherever they occur and by substituting the words "The Public Lands Act,".

Section 7

4. Section 7 is amended by adding immediately after the words "The Game Act," wherever they occur, the figures "1946,".

Section 12 amended

- 5. Section 12 is amended:
 - (a) by striking out the words "The Provincial Lands Act," and by substituting the words "The Public Lands Act,";

- (b) by striking out the words "any Settlement Association to which the lands may be allocated and the members thereof," and by substituting the words "Metis Settlement Associations".
- **6.** Section 13 is amended by striking out the words "The Section 13 Forest and Prairie Fires Prevention Act," and by substituting the words "The Public Lands Act,".
 - 7. Section 22 is amended:

Section 22 amended

- (a) by striking out the words "The Provincial Lands Act," and by substituting the words "The Public Lands Act,";
- (b) by adding immediately after the words "The Game Act," where they occur in clause (a) the figures "1946,".
- 8. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it $\frac{\text{Coming}}{\text{into force}}$ is assented to.

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