

Bill No. 33 of 1953

A BILL RESPECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

NOTE

The Agricultural Department Act, 1953, is a new Act which repeals and replaces The Agricultural Department Act, being chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

The new Act is a redraft and revision of the repealed Act. There is only one substantial change. Under this Act the Provincial Treasurer, upon the direction of the Minister of Agriculture, is empowered to advance sums for the purchasing, marketing or grading of such livestock as is entrusted to the Department as an agent for sale, or is sold to the Department for resale, or is bought and sold in the ordinary administration of the Department. The old Act gave such power only in relation to seed grain, and the power is now extended to include livestock.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,
Acting 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. 33 of 1953

An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture

(Assented to _____, 1953)

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

Short title **1.** This Act may be cited as "*The Agricultural Department Act, 1953*".

"Department"
"Department" **2.** In this Act "Department" means the Department of Agriculture established by section 3.

Organization and Functions of Department

Creation and supervision of Department
Creation and supervision of Department **3.** There shall be a department of the public service of the Province called the Department of Agriculture, over which shall preside the member of the Executive Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under the seal of the Province to act as Minister of Agriculture.

Officers and clerks
Officers and clerks **4.** Subject to the provisions of *The Public Service Act, 1947*, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Deputy Minister of Agriculture and such officers, clerks or servants as may be required to carry on the business of the Department.

Jurisdiction of Department
Jurisdiction of Department **5.** Subject to *The Public Service Act, 1947*, that part of the administration of the Government of the Province relating to agriculture shall be under the control of the Department.

Duties of Department
Duties of Department **6.** The Department
(a) shall institute inquiries and collect information and statistics relating to agricultural, manufacturing or other interests of the Province,
(b) shall adopt measures for circulating and disseminating the same in such manner and form as may be found best adapted to promote the progress of the Province, and
(c) shall see to the observance and execution of the provisions contained in all Acts relating to agriculture.

Annual report
Annual report **7.** A report on the work of the Department shall be prepared for each year and laid on the table of the

Legislative Assembly within fifteen days after the commencement of the first session in the next ensuing year, and the Department shall from time to time issue such other reports, circulars and publications as the Minister may deem advisable.

8. All officers of agricultural societies, cities, towns, villages, municipal districts, school boards, public institutions, incorporated companies, all public officers of the Province and all medical practitioners and veterinary surgeons

Information required by Department

- (a) shall promptly answer all communications from the Department,
- (b) shall from time to time collect and tabulate information according to instructions to be furnished them from the Department, and
- (c) shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them.

9. A person who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of section 8, when so requested by the Minister, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Penalty for failure to comply with section 8

10. (1) The Provincial Treasurer, upon the requisition of the Minister of Agriculture, may advance out of the General Revenue Fund such sums as may be required to purchase, market or grade such seed grain and livestock as is entrusted to the Department of Agriculture as an agent for sale, or is sold to it for resale, or is bought or sold in the ordinary administration of the Department.

Advances

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the net amount of outstanding advances made under this section shall not at any time exceed three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Outstanding advances

(3) All revenues received from activities authorized by subsection (1) shall be deposited with the Provincial Treasurer to meet the advances out of the General Revenue Fund and the advances and revenue shall be separately accounted for as provided by *The Treasury Department Act*.

Revenues

11. *The Agricultural Department Act*, being chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby repealed.

Repeal

12. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

Coming into force

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HON. MR. URE
