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No. 83 of 1911-12.

An Act to regulate Theatres, Entertainment Halls and
Cinematographs.

(Assented to 1912.)

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 Theatres Act.*" Citation

2. The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power Regulations
for safety of
theatres
from time to time to make regulations, the same or different
for different localities, governing the erection, operation and
safety of all classes of theatres and entertainment halls, and
to provide for the supervision and inspection of same.

3. The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power Regulations
governing
operation of
cinematograph
to make regulations for—

(a) Licensing, controlling and governing the use and opera-
tion of cinematographs, moving picture machines or similar
apparatus;

(b) Regulating or prohibiting the exchange, leasing, sale
or exhibition of films;

(c) Licensing, controlling and governing the operation of
film exchanges.

4. The owner, user or exhibitor of every cinematograph, License fee
moving picture machine, or other similar apparatus, the owner,
leasee, or manager of every film exchange and the person
operating such cinematograph, moving picture machine or
other similar apparatus shall each pay in advance to the
Provincial Secretary an annual license fee, the amount of
which may from time to time be fixed by the Lieutenant Gover-
nor in Council.

5. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a censor Censor or
board of
censors
or board of censors, of not more than three persons, and fix
his or their remuneration, and such censor or board of censors
shall hold office during pleasure, and shall have power to permit
the exhibition of, or absolutely to prohibit or reject any or
all films which it is proposed to use in the Province of Alberta,
and to suspend for cause the licence of any operator or other
licensee.

(2) There shall be an appeal from the censor or board of Appeal from
censor or
board of
censors
censors to the person, body or court designated and subject
to the conditions prescribed by regulation of the Lieutenant
Governor in Council.

6. No cinematograph, moving picture machine, or other Films to be
stamped by
censor or board
of censors
similar apparatus shall exhibit any films which have not been
stamped by the censor or board of censors, and no such cine-
matograph, moving picture machine or other similar apparatus
shall be kept or exhibited for entertainment until the owner,
user or exhibitor of such apparatus has complied with the

regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and obtained a license from the Provincial Secretary.

7. All films passed or permitted to be exhibited by the said censor or board of censors shall be stamped in such manner that the stamp will show upon the canvas, and no exhibition of such stamped film shall be prohibited by any police officer, or constable, or other person, on account of anything contained in such film. ^{Stamps to show on canvas}

8. Any person in charge of such cinematograph, moving picture machine or other similar apparatus, or the owner, proprietor, manager or person having control thereof, who uses any such machine for public entertainment without having complied with, or who violates the regulations passed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, or without having therefor a license from the Provincial Secretary, or who exhibits films not approved by the censor or board of censors, as required by this Act, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. ^{Offences}

9. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or any of the regulations of the Lieutenant Governor in Council passed hereunder, shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 with costs, and to a further fine of \$25 per diem during the time after conviction during which such offence continues, and in default of immediate payment thereof to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months. ^{Penalties}

10. The Alberta Provincial police are hereby empowered and directed at any time to inspect any cinematograph, moving picture machine, or other similar apparatus which is used or kept on premises licensed under this Act; and to enforce the provisions of this Act and the regulations passed hereunder. ^{Inspection of Alberta Provincial Police}

11. In cities, towns and incorporated villages, it shall also be the duty of the chief constable, or chief of police, to enforce the provisions of this Act and the regulations passed hereunder. ^{Duty of chief constable}

12. All penalties recovered under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Province of Alberta for the use of said province. ^{Application of penalties}

13. The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power to make such regulations as may be deemed necessary, advisable or convenient for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act. ^{Regulations}

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