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No. 18 of 1923.

An Act respecting Community Grazing.

(Assented to _____, 1923.)

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 Community Grazing Act, 1923.*"

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Community grazing land" shall mean any land which the Government of the Province sets aside or over which it has a power of disposal for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Agriculture;
- (c) "Stock" shall include any horse, mare, gelding, colt or filly, ass or mule, or any bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer or calf.

3. The Government of the Province shall have power to accept from the Dominion Government and enter into leases of land for community grazing purposes.

4. The Minister may from time to time establish any part of the community grazing land of the Province as a community grazing area, and may also establish a part or parts of the Province as a community grazing district, the occupiers of land in which shall be entitled to take advantage of the provisions of this Act with respect to such area.

5. The Minister shall publish a notice in *The Alberta Gazette* to the effect that such area and district have been established and shall, in such notice, describe and delimit the said area and district.

6. The occupiers of land in any community grazing district may petition the Minister for incorporation as a community grazing association.

7. Such petition shall be signed by at least one-half of the occupiers of land in the district, collectively owning or occupying at least one-half of the land in the district, and shall set forth the number of acres in the district owned or occupied by each petitioner and the approximate number of stock usually kept by him within the said district, and every signature thereto shall be verified by the statutory declaration of a witness.

8. Upon receipt of any such petition the Minister may declare the occupiers for the time being of land within the community grazing district to be a community grazing association, and a body corporate, and shall give a name thereto.

9. Every such declaration shall be published in *The Alberta Gazette*.

10. As soon as possible after the publication of the said declaration, the members of the association shall be summoned by such one of them as the Minister may direct, to a meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the association.

11. At such meeting a president and three other directors shall be elected, and a secretary-treasurer shall be appointed by the directors.

12. At any time after such meeting the Minister may lease the community grazing area to the association for such time, at such rental and upon such other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon:

Provided always that the lease shall stipulate that the rental shall be payable in advance and that not more than a certain number of stock shall be allowed to graze upon the area and shall contain a clause for the avoidance of the lease upon non-compliance by the association with any of the terms thereof.

13. The association shall have a possessory lien upon all cattle grazing upon the said area for all unpaid fees.

14. At any time prior to the signature of such lease the Minister may change the content of the said area.

15. The directors of the association shall make by-laws providing for—

- (a) the future government of the association;
- (b) the fees chargeable to members of the association grazing stock upon the community grazing area;

- (c) an association brand, with which all stock grazing upon the said area shall be branded;
- (d) the number of stock to be pastured upon the community grazing area by any occupier by reference to the number of acres within the district occupied by him;
- (e) the realization of unpaid fees by the sale of the stock in respect of which fees remain unpaid and the application of any surplus moneys that may be derived therefrom.

16. All by-laws made by the association shall be submitted to the Minister for his approval and upon receiving such approval shall be as binding as if enacted by this Act.

17. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the Minister may, at any time or times increase or decrease the content of any community grazing district, if he thinks that the grazing needs of the neighbourhood would be more adequately met by such increase or decrease.

18. The Minister may make such regulations as may seem to him to be necessary or convenient for more fully carrying out the purposes of this Act, which regulations shall, upon receiving the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, be as binding as if enacted by this Act.

19. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may raise by way of loan any money, the expenditure of which is necessitated by the powers hereinbefore given to the Government of the Province and to the Minister, without any further or other appropriation than is afforded by this section.

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

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