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No. 65 of 1930.

An Act respecting the control of Electrical Energy.

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 Electrical Energy Act.*"

PART I.

2.—(1) No electrical appliance, fitting, cable, cord or other electrical equipment which under the provisions of the Canadian Electrical Code is not permitted to be used or prescribed as being proper for use for the purpose for which it is intended to be used, shall be offered for sale, sold or installed in the Province.

(2) Any person contravening the provisions of this section shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

3.—(1) No person shall instal electrical appliances, fittings, cables, cords or other electrical equipment, save in a manner permitted or prescribed by the Canadian Electrical Code, if there be any provision of such Code relating to the installation of the equipment which it is proposed to instal.

(2) Any person contravening the provisions of this section shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

4. This Part shall come into force on the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

PART II.

5.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make rules and regulations—

(a) prescribing the design, construction, installation, protection, use, maintenance, repair, extension, alteration, connection and disconnection of all articles, works and matters used or to be used in the generation, transformation, transmission, distribution, delivery or use of electrical power or energy in Alberta;

- (b) prohibiting the use in Alberta of any such articles, works or matters until they have been inspected and approved;
- (c) prohibiting the advertising, display, offering for sale or other disposal, and the sale or other disposal, publicly or privately, in Alberta, of any such articles, works or matters unless and until they have been inspected and approved, and prescribing the precautions to be taken in the sale or other disposal of such works or matters and the warnings and instructions to be given to purchasers and others in advertisements and by circular or otherwise, in order to prevent their use in such manner or under such conditions as may be likely to result in undue hazard to persons or property;
- (d) providing for the inspection, test and approval of all such articles, works and matters before being used for any such purposes;
- (e) providing for plans and specifications governing the design, construction and test of any of the articles, works or matters hereinbefore mentioned, and the amendment or alteration of any such plans and specifications;
- (f) relating to work to be done in the installation, removal, alteration, repair, protection, connection or disconnection of any of the articles, works or matters hereinbefore mentioned, as may be deemed necessary for the safety of the public, or of workmen, or for the protection of property;
- (g) providing for the appointment of such inspectors and other officers as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of this Act;
- (h) prescribing the fees to be paid for permits and for inspection, test and approval of all such works and matters hereinbefore mentioned, and of plans and specifications relating thereto, and may prescribe also the time and manner of payment of such fees;
- (i) providing for the licensing of electrical workers of different classes and their examination, and the suspension and cancellation of such licenses, and prescribing the fees to be paid in respect of such licenses and the time and manner of payment thereof;
- (j) forbidding the doing of any electrical work defined in the order, except by persons licensed in accordance with the regulations;
- (k) providing for the collection of the prescribed fees;
- (1) providing for the remuneration, travelling and other expenses of the said inspectors and other qualified persons, together with all other expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act, out of the said fees and out of any fines imposed for breach of any of the provisions of this section,

or of any rules, regulations, plans, specifications or orders made under the authority thereof;

(m) providing penalties for the breach of the regulations or any of them.

(2) The Canadian Electrical Code shall have the same force and effect as if the rules and regulations therein contained had been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; subject, however, to such variations, alterations or omissions as may be by him prescribed.

6. Every inspector appointed under the authority of this Act may, at any reasonable hour, enter upon, pass over or through any land, building, or premises for the purpose of performing the duties assigned to him, under the authority of this Act.

7. Nothing in this Act or in any of the rules or regulations, plans, specifications or orders issued under the authority of this Act shall render any inspector or other employee liable, or shall affect the liability of any municipal or other corporation, company, firm, or individual, for any injury, loss or other damages caused to any person or property by reason of defects in any of the works or matters mentioned in this Act, or by reason of any order, notwithstanding any inspection or test or the issue of any certificate under the provisions of this Act.

8. Every municipal or other corporation, and every firm or individual—

- (a) hindering, molesting, disturbing or interfering with an inspector or other employee in the performance of his duty under this Act shall incur a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offence; or
- (b) refusing or neglecting to comply with the provisions of this Act, or with any rule or regulation, plan or specification made under the authority thereof, shall incur a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offence; or
- (c) refusing or neglecting to comply with any order issued under the authority of paragraph (f) of section 5, shall incur a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and a further penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every separate day upon which such refusal or neglect is repeated, or continued.

9. The penalties imposed by or under the authority of this Act shall be recoverable upon summary conviction and shall be paid into the general revenue fund.

10. The Electrical Protection Act, being chapter 192 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby repealed.

11. This Part shall come into force upon Proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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