

BILL

No. 9 of 1931.

An Act respecting Unemployment Relief

(Assented to , 1931.)

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 Unemployment Relief Act*."

2. An agreement made between the Government of Canada, represented therein by the Honourable Gordon D. Robertson, Minister of Labour, of the First Part, and the Government of the Province of Alberta, represented therein by the Honourable O. L. McPherson, Minister of Public Works, of the Second Part, dated the fourth day of October, 1930, a copy of which is set out in the schedule to this Act, is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

3. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to advance and pay any sums which are or may become payable by the Province in pursuance of any of the terms of the said agreement without any further or other appropriation than is provided by this Act, and all sums so advanced and paid shall be deemed to be extraordinary expenditures within the meaning of *The Deferred Charges Act*.

4.—(1) Subject to any regulations of the Governor in Council made pursuant to an Act of the Parliament of Canada intitled "*The Unemployment Relief Act, 1930*," the Lieutenant Governor in Council is authorized to do all acts or things whatsoever for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the recited agreement, and, without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, to enter into and perform agreements with any city, town, village, municipal district or improvement district for the purposes of the recited agreement, or any of them.

(2) All acts and things done by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the recited agreement, and all agreements entered into between the Province and any city, town, village, municipal district or improvement district for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them, are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified.

5. Notwithstanding any provisions in any other Act to the contrary, every city, town, village, municipal district and improvement district is empowered to do all acts and things necessary for the purpose of entering into and carrying out any agreement authorized by *The Unemployment Relief Act, 1930*, the regulations made pursuant thereto, and the recited agreement and this Act; and to pay out of its funds any sums payable in respect thereof.

6.—(1) Pending the payment of the contributory share payable under the recited agreement and this Act to any municipality, such municipality may, by by-law, borrow sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of such contributory share, provided that such borrowings shall be repayable immediately upon the payment of the contributory share.

(2) The provisions of this section shall apply to borrowings of the nature described in subsection (1) of this section, effected before the date of the coming into force of this Act, upon the same being approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

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

SCHEDULE

INDENTURE OF AGREEMENT entered into this Fourth day of October, A.D. 1930.

BETWEEN

HONOURABLE GIDEON D ROBERTSON, Minister of Labour,
on behalf of the Government of Canada, hereinafter
called the "DOMINION,"

of the First Part,

AND

HONOURABLE O L MCPHERSON, Minister of Public
Works of Alberta, on behalf of the Government of the
said Province, hereinafter called the "PROVINCE,"

of the Second Part.

Whereas *The Unemployment Relief Act, 1930*, being chapter 1 of the Statutes of 1930 (Second Session), provides for an appropriation not exceeding the sum of twenty million dollars to be paid for the relief of unemployment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada under such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Governor in Council, and

Whereas by Order of the Governor in Council (P.C. 2246) made on the 26th September, 1930, certain regulations were

made by which the Minister of Labour is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Government of any province to pay out of the moneys appropriated by the said Act certain sums for unemployment relief in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the said regulations; and

Whereas the Honourable O. L. McPherson on behalf of the Government of Alberta has intimated that the said Provincial Government is willing to enter into this agreement,

Now, therefore, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto that there may be paid out of the twenty million dollars appropriated by the said *Unemployment Relief Act* such sums as may be necessary to relieve unemployment in the Province of Alberta in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth

1 There shall be paid by the Dominion to the Province for distribution to the municipalities concerned one-third of the amount expended by such municipalities for direct relief where suitable work cannot be provided for the unemployed; there shall be paid by the Province out of the provincial funds for direct relief an amount equal to that contributed by the Dominion, and there shall be paid to the Province one-half of the amount expended by the said Province for direct relief in unorganized districts

Such contributions by the Dominion and Province towards direct relief are to be made only after the submission by the said municipality of evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Labour that a serious unemployment situation exists in such municipality.

2 The Dominion shall pay to the Province for any municipality twenty-five per cent of the cost of approved public works and undertakings necessary to supply suitable work for the unemployed in such municipality, the Province shall pay twenty-five per cent of such cost and the remaining fifty per cent of the said cost shall be assumed and borne by the municipality

Such contributions by the Dominion and Province towards the cost of public works and undertakings in any municipality are to be made only after the submission by the said municipality of evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Labour that a serious unemployment situation exists in such municipality.

3 The Dominion may pay to the Province one-half of the cost of such public works and undertakings that may be carried on by the Province to provide suitable work for the unemployed, provided that should any of such public works and undertakings include the construction of highways through the municipalities of Alberta other than the Trans-Canada Highway, the proportion payable by the Dominion shall not exceed forty per cent of such cost.

Such contributions by the Dominion and Province towards the cost of public works and undertakings in any municipality are to be made only after the submission by the said

Province of evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Labour that a serious unemployment situation exists.

4 The Dominion may pay to the Province one-half of any amount expended by the Province on the Trans-Canada Highway.

5 The amount to be paid out of the moneys appropriated under *The Unemployment Relief Act* to carry on any public works and undertakings in the Province of Alberta, either by the Province or by municipalities within the Province, shall not exceed \$500,000.

6 The Province agrees to submit to the Dominion for approval a memorandum setting forth the public works and undertakings proposed to be carried on by the Province and municipalities as set forth in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

7 All public works and undertakings to which contributions may be made under the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this agreement are to be carried on continuously from the date of their commencement to the date of their completion, which latter date shall not be later than the first day of July, 1931.

8 This agreement is subject to the condition that fair wages will be paid and hours of work not exceeded on all public works in accordance with the intent of *The Fair Wages and Eight-Hour Day Act, 1930*, and the Fair Wages Policy of the Government of Canada as set forth in Order in Council (P.C. 1206) dated 7th June, 1922, and amendments thereto, and that all persons employed on such public works or undertakings shall be, as far as possible, residents of the locality in which the work is being performed, and that in no case shall discrimination be made in the employment of any persons by reason of their political affiliation.

9 Statements of accounts for expenditures by municipalities for direct relief or for public works and undertakings made under the provisions of this agreement shall be accompanied by a certificate of the appropriate provincial authority that expenditures have been duly made in accordance with such statements.

10 The Minister of Labour may at any time require the Province to furnish information, detailed or otherwise, in connection with statements of accounts rendered by the Province.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have affixed their signatures on the day and year first above written.

Signed in the presence of H. H. ULAR	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;">G. D. ROBERTSON, Minister of Labour, Canada</div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;">O. L. MCPHERSON, Minister of Public Works, Alberta.</div> </div>

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