

Bill No. 11 of 1932.

A BILL RESPECTING UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.

NOTE.

This Bill provides for the approval, ratification and confirmation of the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province as to unemployment relief, dated the 9th of September, 1931.

The Bill contains a further provision empowering the Lieutenant Governor in Council to enter into similar agreements with the Government of Canada at any time before the next Session of the Legislature and to provide for the payment of any expenditures incidental thereto; and further empowers the Government to enter into any agreements with municipalities which are required by or incidental to any agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Province. Any municipality is empowered to borrow against any contributory share payable under any agreement made between the municipality and the Province.

R. ANDREW SMITH,
Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

BILL

No. 11 of 1932.

An Act respecting Unemployment Relief.

(Assented to _____, 1932.)

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, 1932.*"

2. An agreement made between the Government of Canada, represented therein by the Honourable Gideon 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 ninth day of September, 1931, 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 intituled "*The Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931,*" 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 and Farm Relief Act, 1931*, 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.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may at any time before the commencement of the next Session of the Legislature enter into an agreement or agreements with the Government of Canada of a like or similar nature to the agreement hereby ratified for the provisions of unemployment relief, and may enter into any agreements with cities, towns, villages, municipal districts and improvement districts which may be required by or may be incidental to any agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Province.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to advance and pay any sums which may become payable by the Province in pursuance of the terms of any agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Province without any further or other appropriation than is provided by this Act.

(3) Pending the payment of any contributory share payable to any municipality pursuant to any agreement made in pursuance of this section, such municipality may by by-law borrow sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of any such contributory share, provided that such borrowings shall be repayable immediately upon the payment of such contributory share.

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

SCHEDULE

INDENTURE OF AGREEMENT entered into this ninth day of September, A.D. 1931.

BETWEEN

The Government of the Dominion of Canada (hereinafter called the "Dominion"), represented herein by the HONOURABLE GIDEON D. ROBERTSON, Minister of Labour,
of the First Part,

AND

The Government of the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called the "Province"), represented herein by the HONOURABLE O. L. MCPHERSON, Minister of Public Works,
of the Second Part.

WHEREAS *The Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931*, provides that there may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund such moneys as the Governor in Council in his discretion may deem expedient to expend for relieving distress, providing employment and maintaining within the competence of Parliament, peace, order and good government throughout Canada; and

WHEREAS under the general regulations established by Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, dated August 18, 1931 (P.C. 2043), copy of which is hereto attached marked "A," the Minister of Labour is empowered to enter into an agreement with the Government of any Province for the purpose of supporting and supplementing the relief measures of the Province and municipalities thereof; and

WHEREAS the Province desires to enter into an agreement under the provisions of the general regulations aforementioned;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The Dominion shall pay to the Province for remittance to any municipality within the Provincial territory such proportion of the expenditures of the municipality for "direct relief" (as hereinafter defined), where suitable work cannot be provided for the unemployed, as may be agreed upon between the Province and the Dominion.

2. The Province shall pay to the municipality an amount equal to that contributed by the Dominion for "direct relief," or such other proportion of the expenditures of the municipality as may be agreed upon.

3. The Dominion shall pay to the Province fifty per centum of the expenditures made by the Province for "direct relief" in Provincial territory where no municipalities are established and where suitable work cannot be provided for the unemployed.

4. Contributions by the Dominion towards "direct relief" are to be made only after the submission by the Province of evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Labour that a serious unemployment situation exists in a designated locality and suitable work for the unemployed cannot be provided therein.

5. In this agreement, "direct relief" means necessary food, clothing, fuel and shelter, or the equivalent thereof.

6. The Dominion shall pay to the Province for remittance to any municipality such proportion of the cost of construction of municipal works and undertakings carried out to provide work for the unemployed, as may be agreed upon between the Province and the Dominion; but the proportion of the cost of any such municipal works and undertakings to be borne by the Dominion shall not exceed fifty per centum thereof, unless, by reason of the financial conditions of the municipality, the assumption by the Dominion of a greater proportion of the cost of such works and undertakings is specifically authorized by the Governor in Council; and the balance of such cost shall be borne by the Province and the municipality in such proportions as may be agreed upon.

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

8. The Dominion shall pay to the Province fifty per centum of the cost of such public works and undertakings as may be carried on by the Province to provide suitable work for the unemployed.

9. The Dominion shall pay to the Province fifty per centum of any amount expended by the Province on Provincial highways.

10. The Dominion shall pay to the Province fifty per centum of the amount hereafter expended by the Province on such highways, now existing or to be constructed, as may become part of the Trans-Canada Highway.

The expression "Trans-Canada Highway" means in relation to the Province such Provincial highways affording a continuous route connecting the Province with any other or others of the Provinces, as may be designated by the Province and approved by the Dominion.

11. Contributions by the Dominion towards the cost of public works, undertakings and highways referred to in sections 8, 9 and 10 hereof are to be made only after submission by the Province of evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Labour that a serious unemployment situation exists.

12. The Province agrees to submit to the Dominion for approval by the Minister of Labour, from time to time, a

schedule or schedules setting forth a list of the public works and undertakings proposed to be carried on by the Province and municipalities under the provisions of clauses 6, 8, 9 and 10 hereof and also setting forth the proportions of the expenditures in respect of such public works and undertakings to be borne by the Dominion and the Province respectively; and such schedules, when approved, shall become part of this agreement as if originally incorporated therein.

13. All public works and undertakings to which contributions may be made under the provisions of clauses 6, 8, 9 and 10 of this agreement, are to be carried on from the date of their commencement to the date of their completion, which latter date shall not be later than the 1st day of May, 1932.

14. A maximum work day of eight hours shall prevail on works and undertakings carried on under this agreement, unless a modification of this requirement is previously agreed to by the Minister of Labour; fair and reasonable rates of wages shall be paid by the Province and municipalities but such rates shall not be in excess of the rates required to be paid by the Federal Government for the character or class of work in the district; only goods and materials of Canadian manufacture or production, if available, shall be used; contracts shall be let only to *bona fide* Canadian construction firms established and operating in Canada prior to January 1, 1931; and of the amounts expended pursuant to the provisions of clauses 6, 8, 9 and 10 hereof not less than forty per centum thereof shall be expended for labour unless a modification of this requirement is previously agreed to by the Minister of Labour.

15. All persons employed on the works or undertakings referred to herein shall be residents of Canada, and, so far as practicable, of the locality in which the work is being performed, and in no case shall discrimination be made or permitted in the employment of any persons by reason of their political affiliation, race or religious views.

16. Statements of accounts for expenditures made by the Province and municipalities, for direct relief or for public works and undertakings, pursuant to the provisions of this agreement, shall be submitted by the Province to the Minister of Labour accompanied by a certificate of the appropriate Provincial authority that expenditures have been duly made in accordance with such statements; and such statements and certificates shall be in the form prescribed by the Minister of Labour.

17. The Province and municipalities shall each bear their own expenses of administration in connection with any measures for the relief of unemployment undertaken pursuant to this agreement, and no portion of such expenses of administration shall be included in any statement of account rendered pursuant to this agreement or paid by the Dominion.

18. The Minister of Labour may at any time call upon the Province to furnish such information as he may require in relation to statements of accounts rendered by the Province or municipalities.

19. The Minister of Labour may at any time direct an inspection in connection with any measures for the relief of unemployment carried out pursuant to this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Honourable Gideon D. Robertson, Minister of Labour, has hereunto set his hand on behalf of the Dominion of Canada, and the Honourable O. L. McPherson of Alberta has hereunto set his hand on behalf of the Province of Alberta.

SIGNED on behalf of the Government of
Canada by Honourable Gideon D.
Robertson, Minister of Labour, } G. D. ROBERTSON.
IN THE PRESENCE OF
HARRY HEREFORD

SIGNED on behalf of the Province of
Alberta by the Honourable O. L.
McPherson, } O. L. MCPHERSON.
IN THE PRESENCE OF
J. D. ROBERTSON

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HON. MR. BROWNLEE

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