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No. 62 of 1937.

An Act to amend The Social Credit Measures Act

(Assented to

, 1937.)

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 Social Credit Measures Act, Amendment Act, 1937."

2. The Social Credit Measures Act, being chapter 5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1936, is hereby amended by inserting therein immediately after section 1 thereof the following new section:

"1a. In this Act, unless the context requires a contrary meaning,(a) "Board" means a Board consisting of not more than

- five persons appointed by the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) "Commission" means a Commission consisting of not less than three nor more than five men appointed by the Board.

"1b.—(1) For the purpose of this Act a Board is hereby created which shall consist of the following five persons: G. L. MacLachlan, F. M. Baker, Dr. J. L. McPherson, W. E. Hayes and S. A. Berg, of whom Mr. G. L. MacLachlan shall be Chairman and Mr. F. M. Baker shall be Secretary.

"(2) The successors of the said members of the Board shall be appointed from time to time by the Legislative Assembly.

"(3) The duties and powers of the Board shall be as follows:

- "(a) to procure suitable persons for appointment as members of the Commission;
- "(b) to appoint suitable persons as Social Credit technical experts:
- "(c) to examine Social Credit legislation and make recommendations for legislative action in respect thereof;
- "(d) to co-operate with the Commission in the performance of any of its duties and in the rendering of such assistance as may be requested by the Commission:
- "(e) to report their findings and negotiations and activities to the legislature of each Session thereof;

- "(f) to keep a record of all negotiations and transactions;
- "(g) to study the economic conditions of the Province of Alberta with a view to assisting the Commission in every way possible;
- "(h) to request the Executive Council for the advice and co-operation of any Department of the Government.

"(4) With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Board, or any member or members thereof selected by the Board, may visit any part of the world for the purpose of procuring prospective Commissioners or technical experts; or for the purpose of studying administration methods which might be of value to Alberta.

"(5) For the purposes of section 14 of The Legislative Assembly Act, the Board shall be deemed to be a committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, and every member of the Board shall be entitled to receive such sums for travelling expenses outside the Province and subsistence while performing their duties, as may pursuant to the said section be paid to members of a committee so appointed."

3. The said Act is further amended as to Section 2 thereof by striking out the same.

4. The said Act is further amended as to Section 3 by striking out the words at the beginning thereof, "The Lieutenant Governor in Council is authorized to appoint such persons as are considered fit and proper" and substituting therefor the following: "The said Board is hereby empowered to appoint a commission, consisting of not less than three nor more than five persons, of whom one shall be the chairman, and the duties and powers of the Commission shall be."

5. The said Act is further amended as to Section 4 thereof by striking out the words "Lieutenant Governor in Council" where the same occur therein, and substituting therefor the word "Board".

6. The said Act is further amended as to Section 5 thereof by striking out the same and substituting therefor the following:

"(5) The Commission appointed under this Act and every member thereof, for the purpose of making any such inquiry, shall have the same power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents as may be conferred upon a commissioner appointed pursuant to The Public Inquiries Act, and shall be entitled to examine upon oath such persons as they may in their discretion think proper."

7. The said Act is further amended as to Section 6 thereof by striking out the same.

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8. The said Act is further amended as to section 7 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

following: "7. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such experts as the Board deems necessary, and to supervise and assist in the administration of any Acts of the Province designed to facilitate the exchange of goods and services or any proposal which is calculated to bring about the equation of consumption to production and thus ensure to the people of the Province the full benefit of the increment arising from their association."

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

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