

Bill No. 88 of 1941.

A BILL TO AMEND THE METIS POPULATION  
BETTERMENT ACT, 1940.

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NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Metis Population Betterment Act, 1940.*

A new section is added enabling the Lieutenant Governor in Council to set aside with the approval of the Minister of Lands and Mines, unoccupied Provincial lands and lands set aside under this Act for occupation by settlement associations as reserved areas for the rehabilitation of game, fish and fur. The primary purpose of this is to conserve game, fish and fur on lands adjoining or tributary to metis settlements so as to enable the population of the said settlements to remain self-sustaining. Areas which are suitable by reason of their topography will be temporarily closed to hunting and trapping, and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make suitable regulations relating to the entry or occupation of the land so set aside. Persons may be permitted by regulation to enter such lands for the purposes of cutting hay or timber or for other reasonable purposes provided that their operations did not interfere with the conservation project.

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*Acting Legislative Counsel.*

*(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)*

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An Act to amend The Metis Population Betterment Act,  
1940.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1941.)

**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 Metis Population  
Betterment Act, 1940, Amendment Act, 1941.*"

2. *The Metis Population Betterment Act, 1940*, being  
chapter 6 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1940, is hereby amend-  
ed by adding thereto immediately after section 2, the  
heading "PART I".

3. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto  
immediately after section 22, under the heading of "PART  
II", the following new section:

"22a. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other  
Act to the contrary, the Lieutenant Governor in Council,  
on the recommendation of the Minister of Lands and Mines,  
and of the Minister charged with the administration of  
this Act, may at any time and from time to time set aside  
as reserved areas for the rehabilitation of game, fish and  
fur-bearing animals, any or any part of any lands set aside  
for occupation by a settlement association, and any un-  
occupied Provincial lands as defined in *The Provincial  
Lands Act, 1939*, including therein all road allowances  
bounded on both sides by such lands, and may make regula-  
tions,—

- "(a) prohibiting the hunting or trapping of any big  
game, game birds or fur-bearing animal within the  
meaning of *The Game Act* or any designated kind  
or description thereof over or upon any lands so  
set aside;
- "(b) prohibiting any person or class of persons from  
occupying such lands or from residing or entering  
thereon;
- "(c) prescribing the terms and conditions upon which  
any person or class of persons may be permitted  
to enter upon such lands for the purpose of resid-  
ing, sojourning, hunting, trapping or cutting timber  
thereon, or for any other reason whatsoever;

- “(d) directing the adoption of such schemes and the carrying out of such works as may be deemed necessary for the conservation of the waters in any reserved area, and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, authorizing and requiring the construction of dams, ditches, canals, or other works to raise the water levels;
- “(e) generally, as to any matter or thing which may be deemed advisable for the purpose of developing and conserving the resources of the said area in game, fish and fur, and for the purpose of enabling the population of the said area and adjoining areas to remain self-sustaining;
- “(f) prescribing fines and penalties which may be imposed on summary conviction for a breach of any such regulations not in excess of one hundred dollars and costs or imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days.”

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

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