

Bill No. 37 of 1943.

A BILL TO ENACT THE POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill provides for the setting up of a Post-War Reconstruction Committee to be named by the Legislature.

Section 5 of the Bill empowers the Committee to appoint a secretary-treasurer, technicians and other employees to assist the Committee in carrying out its duties.

The powers, duties and functions of the Committee are set out in section 8 of the Bill and generally enable the Committee to obtain information and formulate plans for economic reconstruction measures to be taken at the conclusion of hostilities in the present world conflict. The Committee is given wide powers to make a complete survey of the economic conditions of the Province and to formulate plans for taking care of unemployment which may ensue in the transition period from war time to peace time economy.

Section 9 of the Bill enables the Committee to make such other investigations and inquiries for the purpose of carrying out the scheme of the Act as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct.

Section 10 of the Bill requires the Committee to prepare and submit a report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and also provides that the report shall be submitted to the Legislative Assembly at the session held next after the year to which the report relates.

Section 11 of the Bill gives the Committee or a member appointed, power to make an inquiry under *The Public Inquiries Act*.

Section 12 of the Bill enables the Lieutenant Governor in Council to pass regulations not inconsistent with the Act.

Section 13 of the Bill provides that permanent employees shall have the benefits of *The Public Service Act* and *The Superannuation Act*.

Section 14 provides for payment of the expenses of the Committee out of sums voted by the Legislature.

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

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No. 37 of 1943.

An Act to provide for a Post-War Reconstruction
Committee.

(Assented to _____, 1943.)

WHEREAS the conclusion of the present world conflict is likely to precipitate a condition of crisis throughout the world, entailing the adoption of far-reaching economic reconstruction measures during the period of transition from war time to peace time national economies; and

Whereas it is essential that adequate preparation should be made to deal with post-war reconstruction and with rehabilitation of the men and women of the fighting and auxiliary forces and those engaged in other war time services; and

Whereas it is deemed desirable and expedient to appoint a committee to survey the entire field of post-war reconstruction as it affects the Province and to act in co-operation with federal and other provincial authorities in formulating the policies and measures necessary to deal with the problems involved;

Now therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Post-War Reconstruction Act.*"

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

2. For the purposes of this Act a committee known as the Post-War Reconstruction Committee is hereby constituted consisting of: Nathan Eldon Tanner, Ernest Charles Manning, Alfred John Hooke, Mrs. Cornelia R. Wood, Alfred Speakman, and Eld James Martin.

3. Nathan Eldon Tanner shall be the chairman of the Committee.

4. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may add to the members of the Committee, and in case of the death, resignation, illness of the chairman or if for any other cause he is unable to perform his duties, may appoint in his place a chairman of the Committee.

5. The Committee shall appoint a secretary-treasurer who may or may not be a member of the Committee, and may appoint technicians or such other employees as may be necessary to assist the Committee in carrying out its duties under the Act.

6. The Committee may appoint an acting chairman or an acting secretary-treasurer with power to act in the absence of the chairman or in case the chairman or secretary-treasurer is unable to perform his duties by reason of illness or for any other cause.

7. The Committee may exercise all its powers, duties and functions notwithstanding the absence of any member of the Committee or any vacancy in the membership thereof.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

8. The powers, duties and functions of the Committee shall be as follows:

(1) To make a survey of the entire economy of the Province, and particularly to make a survey of the natural resources and the industries in the Province and to confer with operators of industries, agriculturalists, organizations of employers, organizations of employees, municipal councils and others, for the purpose of formulating measures for the better co-ordination of all branches thereof in the development of the resources of the Province and the distribution of goods and services to the people;

(2) To ascertain the probable number of men and women who will be released from the fighting and auxiliary forces on the termination of hostilities who will be available for employment in Alberta and to formulate plans and recommend such action as may be necessary,—

(a) to provide for the establishment of such persons in the economic life of the Province;

(b) to classify such persons having regard to their qualification, training and experience to engage in civilian occupations;

(c) to provide training facilities for such persons who desire to qualify for civilian occupations;

(3) To estimate the number of other persons ordinarily resident in the Province who are likely to become unemployed as a result of the cessation of hostilities, and to formulate plans and recommend such action as may be necessary to assist such persons to establish themselves in the economic life of the Province;

(4) To appraise the economic requirements of the people, having due regard to the possible growth of population after the war, and to correlate this to the resources available to satisfy such requirements, having regard to existing and potential obligations which constitute a charge against provincial production;

(5) To make a survey of the extent to which war industries may be converted to peace time needs, existing industries can be expanded or new industries can be developed;

(6) To make a survey of the agricultural lands of the Province in order to determine the manner in which these may be used to the utmost advantage in the reconstruction and development of the provincial economy;

(7) To make a survey of markets, both internal and external, and to formulate policies for assuring the equitable distribution of goods and services required by the people of the Province and the proper co-ordination of the provincial economy with the national economy;

(8) To make a survey of the transportation and communication facilities, and of the public utilities of the Province with a view to their improvement in a reconstructed and developing economy;

(9) To review the entire field of debt, taxation, public services, civil and property rights, including land tenure, and to formulate ways and means for dealing with the problems arising therefrom in any reconstruction of the provincial economy;

(10) To consult and co-operate with any federal and provincial authorities, organizations and persons in furthering the purposes of this Act;

(11) To confer with and utilize the services of the Research Council of Alberta established under the provisions of *The Research Council Act*, and to consider and advise on the best means of applying the result of scientific researches in connection with or for the promotion of primary or secondary industries in the Province;

(12) Generally to investigate, formulate measures, tender information, and recommend such other action as may be necessary in promoting the post-war reconstruction of the provincial economy to the end that the men and women of our fighting and auxiliary forces and those engaged in war industries will return to find conditions under which the vast resources of the Province are being developed to provide the people with the greatest possible measure of economic security and freedom.

9. The Committee shall make such other investigations and conduct such other inquiries for the purposes of this Act as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may require and direct.

10. The Committee shall immediately after the end of each year prepare and submit a report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and may make such recommendations in the report as it may deem advisable to implement the findings of the Committee, and such report shall be submitted to the Legislative Assembly at the session thereof held in the year next after the year to which the report relates.

11. For the purpose of making any inquiry or investigation which the Committee is authorized by this Act to make, the Committee or any member thereof authorized by it to make any such inquiry or investigation shall have the same power to take evidence on oath and 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*.

12.—(1) For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act according to their true intent, and to supply any deficiency therein, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such regulations not inconsistent with the Act as may be deemed necessary, advisable or convenient.

(2) Any regulation made pursuant to this section shall be published in *The Alberta Gazette* and shall have the same force and effect as if incorporated herein.

13. All employees of the Committee other than temporary employees shall be deemed to be employees as defined by *The Public Service Act* and *The Superannuation Act*, and shall be subject to and entitled to all the benefits of the provisions of the last mentioned Act.

14. The expenses of investigations carried out by the Committee pursuant to this Act, including salaries of employees, travelling expenses and subsistence, shall be paid out of such sums as may be from time to time appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose, and all vouchers for the payment of such expenses shall be certified by the chairman.

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

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