



CHAPTER 65.

An Act respecting Unemployment Relief.

[Assented to 1st April, 1931.]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Unemployment Relief Act." Short title.

2. The agreements dated respectively the fourteenth day of October, 1930, and the fifth day of March, 1931, copies of which are set out in Schedule A, made between the Honourable Gideon D. Robertson, Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Government of the Dominion, and the Honourable Simon F. Tolmie, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, on behalf of the Government of the Province, are declared to have been since the dates thereof, respectively, and to be valid and binding; and the Government of the Province shall be deemed to have been since the said dates, respectively, and to be authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the terms and provisions of the said agreements. Validation of certain agreements.

3. The Order in Council, Number 1219, approved on the fourteenth day of October, 1930, a copy of which is set out in Schedule B, and all agreements entered into between the Government of the Province and any municipality for the purposes referred to in the agreements set out in Schedule A, or either of them, are hereby validated and confirmed. Validation of Order in Council.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make provision for the entering into from time to time of further agreements with the Government of the Dominion, and with any municipality in the Province for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them. Power to enter into further agreements.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE A.

INDENTURE OF AGREEMENT entered into this 14th 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 SIMON F. TOLMIE, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, 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 Simon F. Tolmie on behalf of the Government of British Columbia 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 British Columbia 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 British Columbia 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 British Columbia, either by the Province or by municipalities within the Province, shall not exceed \$900,000.

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 June, 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
 " J. D. O'NEILL " }
 as to the signature of the Minister of Labour
 " R. H. POOLEY " }
 as to S. F. Tolmie

" G. D. ROBERTSON " }
 Minister of Labour, Canada.
 " S. F. TOLMIE " }
 Premier of British Columbia.

Department of Labour
(Coat of Arms)
CANADA.

INDENTURE OF AGREEMENT entered into this fifth day of March, A.D. 1931.

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 SIMON F. TOLMIE, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, 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 Gideon D. Robertson, Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Dominion, and the Honourable Simon F. Tolmie, on behalf of the Province, have entered into an Agreement dated October 14th, 1930, which Agreement was approved by the Governor General in Council, P.C. 2600, November 7th, 1930, by which the sum of \$900,000. was allotted to the Province from the moneys appropriated under the Unemployment Relief Act to carry on public works and undertakings in the Province of British Columbia, either by the Province, or by Municipalities within the Province, in accordance with the terms of the said Agreement.

AND WHEREAS the Province has made representations to the effect that the abnormal condition of unemployment in British Columbia demonstrates the need for additional assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the Parties hereto, that there may be paid out of the \$20,000,000. appropriated by the said Unemployment Relief Act an additional sum not exceeding \$200,000. to relieve unemployment in the Province of British Columbia, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement entered into between the Dominion and the Province, dated October 14th, 1930.

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

" W. M. DICKSON "
as to signature of the
Minister of Labour.

Signed in the presence of
" J. E. DENISON "

" G. D. ROBERTSON "
Minister of Labour, Canada

" S. F. TOLMIE "
Premier of British Columbia

SCHEDULE B.

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Approved and ordered this 14th day of October, A.D. 1930.

"R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,"

Lieutenant-Governor.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Victoria,

PRESENT:

The Honourable

Mr. Pooley

Mr. Tolmie

Mr. Lougheed

Mr. Burden

Mr. Atkinson

Mr. McKenzie

Mr. Howe

in the Chair.

To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to REPORT:—

THAT, in order to meet an acute condition of affairs as to unemployment prevailing throughout Canada, the Dominion Parliament, in special session called for the purpose of dealing with the said condition, passed an Act intituled "The Unemployment Relief Act, 1930", copy of which is attached hereto:

THAT Regulations were formulated pursuant to the said Act for the carrying into effect the terms thereof, a copy of which Regulations is also attached hereto:

THAT it is desirable that a member of the Executive Council be authorized to enter into an agreement with the proper Dominion Minister on behalf of the Province looking to the due carrying out by the Province of the terms of the said Act and Regulations, and also to enter into such agreements with the various Municipalities as may be requisite in the premises:

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS THEREFORE THE HONOUR TO RECOMMEND that Honourable Simon Fraser Tolmie, Premier and Minister of Railways be the Minister authorized and empowered to enter into and execute, on behalf of the Government the said agreements, and to officiate on the due performance thereof.

AND TO FURTHER RECOMMEND that a copy of this Minute, if approved, be forwarded to the Minister of Labour in the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

DATED the 14th day of October, A.D. 1930.

"S. F. TOLMIE"

Premier.

APPROVED the 14th day of October, A.D. 1930.

"R. H. POOLEY"

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

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