An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts, 1903 to 1911, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, December 19th, 1912.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited alone as "The Crown Lands Act, 1912." Further Amendment Act.

(2) "The Crown Lands Acts, 1903 to 1911," and this Act may be cited together as "The Crown Lands Acts, 1903 to 1912."

(3) "The Crown Lands Act, 1903," is referred to in this Act as No. 830 of 1903. "the principal Act."

2. This Act is incorporated with "The Crown Lands Acts, 1903 to 1911," and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation with other Acts.

3. Section 28 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage "part 1 of" in the first and second lines thereof. Amendment of section 28 of principal Act.

4. Section 50 of the principal Act is amended by substituting the word "three" for the word "six" in the third line thereof. Amendment of section 50—Forfeiture of agreement.

5. The proviso to section 58 of the principal Act shall not apply to any agreement or lease issued after the passing of this Act. Bar against resumption for towns, &c., not to apply to future agreements and leases.

6. The
The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act.—1912.

6. The limit of One Hundred Pounds imposed by sections 124 and 127 of the principal Act shall not apply to an agreement or perpetual lease heretofore or hereafter obtained in lieu of a homestead lease which has been surrendered pursuant to an application under section 135 of the principal Act.

7. Paragraphs 11. and 111. of section 152 of the principal Act are further amended so as to read as follows:—

11. The land, except such portions as may be required for town lands or for dedication or reservation for public purposes, shall be cut up into blocks, none of which shall, except as provided by paragraph 111. hereof, exceed Four Thousand Pounds in unimproved value:

111. Where the land is suitable only for pastoral purposes, the value of the block may exceed Four Thousand Pounds, but not Five Thousand Pounds, in unimproved value; and where in cutting up the land improvements to a large value will necessarily be included in one or more blocks, and the value of such improvements would be out of proportion to the value of such block or blocks if the limitation of Four Thousand Pounds or Five Thousand Pounds (whichever is applicable to the particular case) were not exceeded, such block or blocks may exceed such limitation in unimproved value.

8. The limit fixed by sections 157 and 158 of the principal Act (as amended by section 16 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1910," and section 9 of this Act) shall apply only to repurchased land, and, so long as that limit is not exceeded as to repurchased land, shall not prevent any person from holding repurchased and other lands up to the limit fixed by section 38 of the principal Act.

9. (1) Section 158 of the principal Act is amended—

1. By inserting after the word "Act," in the first line thereof, the words "and no subletting of any land comprised in any such agreement"; and

2. By inserting after the word "transfer," in the fourth line thereof, the words "or subletting."

(2) Section 12 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911," is amended by inserting after the word "Act," in the the fourth line thereof, the words "or to the subletting of land comprised in any such agreement."

10. If a lessee does not accept, or if he refuses, the terms offered, or the payment of the rent or purchase-money, as provided by section 176 or 185 (according to the nature of the case) of the principal Act, such lessee may make a fresh application under section
section 174, and may, in similar circumstances, if he so desires, make fresh applications under that section from time to time.

11. (1) When a lessee or purchaser holds land under one lease or agreement, and also holds land under one or more other leases or agreements, and

(a) Such leases or agreements are all of the same class, and all contain substantially the same covenants, conditions, and reservations, and

(b) The terms of such leases and agreements all end on the same date, or within one period of twelve months,

such lessee or purchaser may apply in writing for leave to surrender such leases or agreements for one lease or agreement comprising the whole of the said lands.

(2) If the Commissioner approves of the application, the lessee or purchaser may tender a surrender of such leases or agreements in the prescribed form and executed in the prescribed manner; and the Governor may, if he thinks proper, accept the surrender in the name and on behalf of His Majesty.

(3) If the surrender is accepted, one lease or agreement shall be issued to the lessee or purchaser; and such lease or agreement shall—

(a) Be of the same class as,

(b) Comprise the whole of the lands comprised in, and

(c) Contain substantially the same covenants, conditions, and reservations as are contained in,

the surrendered leases or agreements, and shall be for a term ending on the same date as the terms of those leases or agreements, or as such of those terms as ends on the latest date.

12. Section 189 of the principal Act, paragraph (e) of section 21 of "The Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1905," and section 8 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1906," are repealed, and the following provisions are hereby enacted and substituted in lieu of the said section 189, namely:—

189. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (6) and (7) of this section, no transfer of any lease or of any agreement, and no subletting of any land comprised in any lease or agreement, shall have any effect unless the consent of the Commissioner has been previously obtained in the following manner:—

1. Application for the transfer or subletting shall be made in writing to the Commissioner:

11. Except in the case of transfers by executors or administrators to devisees under the wills under which they act, the consent shall not be granted until
until after notice of the application has been published for two weeks in the Government Gazette:

iii. The application shall be referred by the Commissioner to the Board:

iv. If the Board recommends the granting of the application, but not otherwise, the Commissioner may, if he thinks proper, by writing signed by him, consent to the transfer or subletting.

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section, no recommendation or consent shall be given under this section of or to any transfer or subletting, if the effect thereof will be to increase the holding of the proposed transferee or sublessee, under any tenure, to land the unimproved value of the fee simple of which exceeds Five Thousand Pounds.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) of this section account shall not be taken of the value of city, town, or suburban lands held by, or proposed to be transferred or sublet to the proposed transferee or sublessee, nor of the value of lands held by him under any lease granted under “The Pastoral Act, 1904,” or any other Pastoral Act.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in this section, the Board may recommend, and the Commissioner may consent to, the transfer or subletting of any lands suitable only for pastoral purposes, if the effect thereof will not be to increase the holding of the proposed transferee or sublessee, under any tenure, to land which is capable of carrying more than five thousand sheep, or, if the land is situated wholly or partly outside Goyder’s line of rainfall, more than ten thousand sheep: Provided that, in making any computation for the purposes of this subsection, lands held under a lease granted under “The Pastoral Act, 1904,” or any other Pastoral Act, shall not be included.

(5) Consent shall not be given to a transfer or subletting to take effect within the period of five years from the date of the lease or agreement, which period shall, in case the lease or agreement has been obtained on the surrender of another lease or agreement, be computed from the date of the original lease or agreement: Provided that this subsection shall not—

i. Apply to transfers by executors or administrators to devisees under the wills under which they act:

ii. Prevent consent being given in any case where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the refusal thereof would inflict great hardship upon the person proposing to transfer or sublet.

(6) The provisions of this section shall not apply to—

i. The transfer of, or the subletting of land comprised in, any existing lease granted under any Act hereby repealed
repealed or any earlier Crown Lands Act, provided that such Act contained express provision contrary to the provisions of this section and applicable to such lease;

11. The transfer of any lease or agreement of or as to city, town, or suburban land, or the subletting of such land; or

111. Any subletting with the consent of the Commissioner pursuant to section 65.

(7) The provisions of this section do not apply to transfers of agreements under Part X. of this Act, nor to the subletting of land comprised in such agreements. Such transfers and sublettings are regulated by section 158.

13. (1) The Second Schedule to the principal Act is amended by inserting the following clause after clause 5 thereof, namely:

5a. That the purchaser will during the first two years from the date of this agreement clear and render available for cultivation not less than acres of the said land, and will during the second two years clear and render available for cultivation not less than acres of the said land, and will during each succeeding year clear and render available for cultivation not less than acres of the said land, until acres of the said land have been cleared and rendered available for cultivation, and will at all times keep available for cultivation the land so cleared.

(2) In filling up the blank spaces in the form of covenant set out in subsection (1) hereof, the following directions shall be followed:—In the first, second, and third spaces there shall be inserted an area equal to one-eighth of the area which is to be cleared and rendered available for cultivation, as specified in the notice in the Government Gazette declaring that the lands in question may be applied for on agreement. In the fourth space there shall be inserted an area equal to three-quarters of the area to be cleared and rendered available for cultivation as so specified.

(3) The Commissioner shall determine whether the covenant set out in subsection (1) hereof has been complied with in any case, and if his decision is disputed by the person entitled to or holding lands under the agreement, the matter shall be determined by arbitration in manner provided by section 216 of the principal Act.

14. Nothing in "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911," or this Act, shall be deemed to render it obligatory for a lease or agreement granted or made pursuant to Part XI. of the principal Act to contain the covenant set out in section 17 of the first-mentioned Act, or the covenant set out in section 13 of this Act, unless such covenant is contained in the surrendered lease or agreement in lieu of which the lease or agreement in question is obtained.

15. (1) The
Amendment of Second and Third Schedules

Power of resumption in agreements.

15. (1) The Second Schedule to the principal Act is further amended by inserting the following clause after clause 13 thereof, namely:

13A. And it is hereby expressly agreed that the vendor may at any time or from time to time hereafter resume possession of all or any part of the said land for roads, railways, or tramways, or for sites for towns or park lands, or for mining purposes, or for any public purpose whatsoever, after the expiration of three calendar months from the giving by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to the purchaser of notice in writing of the intended resumption; and that immediately upon the giving of such notice the right of the purchaser to complete the purchase shall cease and determine and be void as to all or such of the said lands as shall be specified in such notice, and that immediately after the expiration of the said three calendar months this agreement, and the right of the purchaser to possession, shall cease and determine and be void as to all or such part of the said lands as shall be specified in such notice, anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided that on any resumption the purchaser shall be paid compensation for the loss the purchaser shall sustain thereby, and in case of dispute, the amount of such compensation shall be determined by the Land Board, or, at the option of the said Commissioner or the purchaser, in the manner provided by section 216 of “The Crown Lands Act, 1903.”

(2) The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended by inserting after clause 15 thereof a clause in the form set out in subsection (1) of this section.

Amendment of Fourth Schedule—Lands to be dealt with by Land Board.

16. The Fourth Schedule to the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “or” in the penultimate line thereof, and adding the following words at the end of the last line, namely:

and St. Peter’s Island, Eba Island, and Eyré’s Island.

Amendment of the Sixth Schedule.

17. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Act is amended by striking out the last line thereof and substituting therefor the following:—“by section 216 of ‘The Crown Lands Act, 1903.’”

Amendment of section 13 of Act No. 1019 of 1910—Agreements to mortgage.

18. Section 13 of “The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1910,” is amended by striking out the words “or for the mortgaging or otherwise charging or encumbering” in the fourth and fifth lines thereof.

Amendment of section 4 of Act No. 1068 of 1911—Rent under perpetual leases.

19. Section 4 of “The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911,” is amended by inserting “or under any provision of Part XI. of the principal Act or in any case where the Commissioner directs to the contrary” after the word “Act” in the third line thereof.

Amendment of section 5 of 1911 Act—When right to purchase may be exercised.

20. Section 5 of “The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911,” is amended by adding the following words at the end thereof, namely:—“or the Commissioner is satisfied that the lessee or purchaser has made such permanent improvements on the land that strict compliance with the conditions of the lease or agreement should be dispensed with.”

Privileges under sections 8 and 9 of 1911 Act may be granted though rent or instalments in arrear.

21. (1) An application under section 8 of “The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911,” to surrender an agreement for a perpetual lease, or under section 9 of that Act for a reduction of the purchase-money payable under an agreement, may be granted, notwithstanding...
notwithstanding that instalments payable under such agreement are in arrear.

(2) When in any such case the application is granted, the full amount of the arrears shall be paid in such instalments, and at such times, as are determined by the Board when fixing the rents, or by the Surveyor-General and the Board when recommending a reduction of the purchase-money (according to the nature of the case), and shall be payable and recoverable in the same manner as the rents or instalments to become due.

(3) When in any such case the application is not granted, the Commissioner may, nevertheless, agree to accept payment of the arrears in such instalments, and at such times, as are recommended by the Board, in the case of a lessee, or by the Surveyor-General and the Board, in the case of a purchaser; and the instalments of arrears which the Commissioner so agrees to accept shall be payable and recoverable in the same manner as the rents or instalments to become due.

22. (1) In any case where an application under section 8 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911," to surrender an agreement for a perpetual lease, or under section 9 of that Act for a reduction of the purchase-money payable under an agreement, is refused, the Commissioner may, if he is satisfied that the strict enforcement of the agreement would inflict hardship upon the holder, refer the matter to the Board to make such (if any) recommendation as they deem proper under this section.

(2) The Board may recommend—

(a) Such (if any) temporary reduction of the interest payable under the agreement as they think reasonable, and the period during which, in their opinion, such reduction should operate; and

(b) Such (if any) postponement of the payment, or further payment, of the principal money included in the purchase-money as they think reasonable.

(3) The Commissioner may cause notice in writing of the recommendation (if any) of the Board to be given to the applicant.

(4) If the applicant, within one month after the giving of such notice, gives the Commissioner notice in writing of his desire to accept the recommendation, the Commissioner shall cause an adjustment to be made in the amounts of the instalments, and, in case of postponement as aforesaid, of the times of payment thereof, so as to give effect to the recommendation.

(5) Notice in writing of the terms of such adjustment shall be given to the applicant, and the same shall thereafter be binding upon the holder of the agreement, which shall be construed so as to give effect to such adjustment.

23. The
The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act.—1912.

23. The "extended meaning" set out in section 18 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911," is amended by inserting in the fourth line thereof, after the word "lease," the following words: — "and will during the second two years clear and render available for cultivation not less than one-eighth of the area so specified."

24. Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act or any amendment thereof, the annual rent under a perpetual lease, or a half-yearly instalment under an agreement, hereafter granted or entered into under the said Act or any such amendment, shall in no case be less than Five Shillings.

25. (1) Under any agreement or lease entered into or granted after the passing of this Act, except an agreement under Part X. or an agreement or lease under Part XI. of the principal Act, or in any case where the Commissioner directs that this section shall not apply, no instalment or rent shall be payable for the first four years of the term.

(2) From the end of the fourth year of the term, instalments or rents shall be paid, and for the fifth and sixth years such instalments or rents shall be at the rate of two per centum per annum on the value of the land as stated in the advertisement in the Government Gazette declaring the lands open for application.

(3) From the end of the sixth year of the term, the interest included in the instalments, or the rent, shall be at the rate of four per centum per annum on the said value.

(4) Every agreement to which this section applies shall be for a term of thirty-six years, and the purchase-money shall be paid by sixty half-yearly instalments, as provided in section 153 of the principal Act, during the last thirty years thereof; so that from the end of the sixth year of the term the instalments shall include purchase-money in addition to interest as provided by subsection (3) of this section.

(5) The purchase under any agreement to which this section applies shall not be completed unless the purchaser, in addition to having paid the purchase-money and interest and complied with all the terms, covenants, conditions, and provisions of the agreement to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, has effected improvements to the satisfaction of the Commissioner equal in value to Five Shillings per acre of the land comprised in the agreement.

(6) Notwithstanding anything in this section, if the purchaser or lessee under any agreement or lease to which this section applies transfers such agreement or lease before the end of the sixth year of the term thereof, instalments or rent shall, if the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Board so directs, be paid as from the time when
when the transfer takes effect; and in the case of an agreement, the instalments shall be at the rate of four per centum per annum on the value mentioned in subsection (2) of this section until the end of the said sixth year, and thereafter subsection (4) of this section shall apply, and in the case of a lease, the rent shall be as provided by subsection (3) of this section.

26. (1) Any agreement entered into before the passing of this Act, except an agreement under Part X. or Part XI. of the principal Act, shall, in cases where the Commissioner so directs, be read as providing that the instalments to be paid during the first four years of the term of the agreement shall, as nearly as practicable, be as follows:

For the first year, one-fifth of the annual interest on the purchase-money;

For the second year, one-third of the said interest;

For the third year, two-thirds of the said interest;

For the fourth year, the full amount of the said interest;

and as providing that the term of the agreement shall be thirty-four years, and that the purchase-money shall be paid by sixty half-yearly instalments, as provided in section 153 of the principal Act, during the last thirty years thereof; so that from the end of the fourth year of the term the instalments shall include purchase-money in addition to the full amount of the interest on the purchase-money.

(2) The provisions of section 4 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911" (as amended by section 19 of this Act) shall, in cases where the Commissioner so directs, apply to perpetual leases granted before the passing of this Act.

(3) The Commissioner shall not direct as mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) of this section except where the land comprised in the agreement or lease was advertised in the Government Gazette as open for application since the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and six.

(4) In any case where the Commissioner directs as mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the instalments and rents fixed by the agreement or lease shall be adjusted as may be necessary to give effect to this section, and any amounts shown to be overpaid as the result of the adjustment shall be credited against the liability to further payments.

27. (1) Section 7 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911," is amended by striking out the numerals "10" in the first line thereof.

(2) Section 10 of "The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911," is amended by striking out the passage "subject to section 7 of 'The Crown Lands Act Further Amendment Act, 1911,'" in the fifth and sixth lines thereof.

28. (1) Whenever
28. (1) Whenever any town land is sold under any of the provisions of the principal Act or any amendment thereof, such land may, if the Commissioner so directs, be sold subject to the condition that it is not to be transferred, mortgaged, or otherwise dealt with, within six years from the date of the sale thereof without the consent in writing of the Commissioner, and that upon any breach of such condition such sale may be cancelled; and in such case the said condition including the date when the same is to terminate, shall be expressed in the receipt for the purchase-money and in the land grant.

(2) When a certificate of title is issued in respect of any land comprised in any land grant in which the said condition is expressed, the Registrar-General shall cause a statement to be inserted in or indorsed on such certificate to the effect that such land is subject to the said condition, and setting forth the terms of the condition and the date when it will terminate.

(3) Upon any breach of the said condition in respect of any land the Governor may, by notice published in the Government Gazette, cancel the sale of such land; whereupon such sale shall become absolutely void, and such land shall be forfeited to the Crown.

(4) Upon the filing in the Lands Titles Registration Office by the Commissioner of a copy of the Government Gazette containing such notice, the Registrar-General shall make and sign an indorsement on the receipt for the purchase-money of such land filed in his office (if the same has been so filed) or on the land grant of such land (if the same has been issued), or on any certificate of title which may have been issued in respect of such land, or any part thereof, to the effect that such receipt or land grant or certificate is cancelled to the extent that it applies to such land or such part, the same having been forfeited to the Crown. The receipt or land grant or certificate shall thereupon be cancelled to the said extent, and such land shall thereupon be forfeited to the Crown. The Registrar-General shall also call in and indorse in the same manner the duplicate of such land grant or certificate, which shall thereupon be cancelled to the said extent.

(5) The provisions of this section shall take effect notwithstanding anything in "The Real Property Act, 1886," or any other Act or law to the contrary.

29. (1) Whenever any town lands are sold by auction, under any of the provisions of the principal Act or any amendment thereof, it may, if the Commissioner so directs, be made a condition of the sale that not more than a specified number of allotments thereof shall be purchased by or on behalf of any person.

(2) Where town lands are sold by auction subject to the said condition, and it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that more than the specified number of allotments thereof have been purchased
purchased by or on behalf of any person, the Governor may, by notice published in the *Government Gazette*, cancel the sale of all or any of the allotments purchased by or on behalf of such person (hereinafter called "the cancelled allotments"); whereupon the sale of the cancelled allotments shall become absolutely void, and the cancelled allotments shall be forfeited to the Crown.

(3) Upon the filing in the Lands Titles Registration Office by the Commissioner of a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing such notice, the Registrar-General shall make and sign an indorsement on the receipt for the purchase-money of the cancelled allotments filed in his office (if the same has been so filed) or on the land grant of the cancelled allotments (if the same has been issued), or on any certificate of title which may have been issued in respect of the cancelled allotments or any of them, to the effect that such receipt or land grant or certificate is cancelled to the extent that it applies to the cancelled allotments or any of them, the same having been forfeited to the Crown. The receipt or land grant or certificate shall thereupon be cancelled to the said extent, and the cancelled allotments shall thereafter, for the purposes of "The Real Property Act, 1886," be dealt with as if they had never been alienated from the Crown. The Registrar-General shall also call in and indorse in the same manner the duplicate of such land grant or certificate, which shall thereupon be cancelled to the said extent.

(4) The provisions of this section shall take effect notwithstanding anything in "The Real Property Act, 1886," or any other Act or law to the contrary.

30. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, it shall be a condition of every lease or agreement hereafter granted or entered into that at least five acres of every two hundred and fifty acres of the land comprised therein shall be set apart and reserved for the growth of timber, and that no timber trees growing thereon shall be destroyed.

(2) This section shall not apply—

(a) To any lease or agreement granted or entered into under Part XI. of the principal Act:

(b) To any lease or agreement which comprises a less area than two hundred and fifty acres.

(3) The Commissioner may, when he deems it advisable so to do, grant an exemption in whole or in part from compliance with such condition.

31. (1) The lands known as the Pekina Creek Irrigation lands, being the lands more particularly described in the Schedule to this Act, which lands are now vested in the Commissioner of Water Conservation under "The Water Conservation Act, 1886," and "The Water Conservation Amendment Act, 1889," are hereby, from the passing of this Act, absolutely vested in the Crown as
Crown lands for all purposes, subject nevertheless to all leases over the said lands, or any of them, which have been granted by the said Commissioner under the powers conferred upon him by the said Acts and are now subsisting.

(2) The said leases shall, from the passing of this Act, be deemed to be leases of Crown lands granted under the principal Act, and the principal Act and all Acts amending that Act shall hereafter apply to the said leases, and all matters connected therewith, incidental thereto, or consequent thereon, as if the said leases had been granted by the Governor under the principal Act: Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter the terms or any of the covenants or conditions of any of the said leases.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

DAY H. BOSANQUET, Governor.
THE SCHEDULE.

The Pekina Creek Irrigation Lands.

All those lands being the whole of sections 49, 53, 70, 71, 73s, 73s, and 74, Hundred of Walloway, County of Dalhousie.