An Act relating to Pastoral Lands.

[Assented to, December 23rd, 1893.]  

Be it Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Pastoral Act, 1893," and, except so far as inconsistent therewith, shall be incorporated and read as one with The Crown Lands Act, 1888, hereinafter called the "principal Act."

2. This Act is divided into twelve parts, relating to the following subject matters:

PART I. Preliminary;
PART II. Constitution of Pastoral Board;
PART III. Mode of Offering Pastoral Lands;
PART IV. Application for and Allotment of Leases;
PART V. Terms and Conditions of Leases;
PART VI. Improvements;
PART VII. Occupation by Outgoing Lessee, and Possession by Incoming Lessee;
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PART VIII. Special Leases to Discoverers, or for Inferior Country.

PART IX. Rent Valuations and Re-valuations:

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Repeal.

3. Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, and 32 of "The Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1890," are hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not affect any right, interest, or liability already created, incurred, or existing, nor anything lawfully done or suffered under any enactment hereby repealed; and any proceeding in respect of any such right, interest, or liability may be carried on as if this Act had not been passed.

Sections 61, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, and 170 of the principal Act, and sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 28 of "The Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1890," shall not apply to any lands leased pursuant to this Act, nor to any leases issued under this Act.

Interpretation.

4. In this Act—

"Crown Lands Acts" includes this Act and Act No. 502 of 1890:

"Board" means the Pastoral Board provided for by this Act:

"Pastoral lands" includes all Crown lands not included in any hundred, and also all lands vested in the Crown and subject to any pastoral lease at the passing of this Act:

Classes A, B, and C mean the classes into which pastoral lands are divided pursuant to section 6 of this Act:

Classes I., II., and III. mean the classes into which pastoral lands are divided pursuant to section 56 of the principal Act:

"Run" means the land comprised in any lease under this Act; and also contiguous lands, or lands worked together as one run although not contiguous, comprised in two or more leases under this Act held by the same lessee.

Power of granting Pastoral Leases.

5. The Governor may grant leases for pastoral purposes of any pastoral lands, but no such lease shall hereafter be granted except in manner provided by this Act, or for the purpose of giving effect to any right which may be existing at the passing of this Act.

Classification of Pastoral Lands.

6. For the purposes of this Act, pastoral lands are divided into three classes, as follows:—

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Class A. Including all pastoral lands in District A, as described in Schedule C to this Act:

Class B. Including all pastoral lands in District B, as described in the said schedule:

Class C. Including all pastoral lands situate to the south of the twenty-sixth parallel of south latitude, and not included in Class A or B.

PART II.

CONSTITUTION OF PASTORAL BOARD.

7. The Governor shall appoint a Board, to be called the "Pastoral Board," to deal with pastoral lands, and to exercise and discharge the powers and duties hereinafter mentioned.

8. Such Board shall consist of three members, including the Surveyor-General, or if there shall be no Surveyor-General, the Deputy Surveyor-General, and two other persons not being Civil Servants to be nominated by the Commissioner, whose remuneration shall not exceed Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum each.

9. The Surveyor-General or Deputy Surveyor-General, as the case may be, shall be ex officio Chairman of the Board; but if he is not present at any meeting, one of the members present may, with the concurrence of the other, act as chairman; and failing such concurrence the Commissioner may appoint the chairman.

10. Nominated members of the Board shall hold office for one year from date of appointment, and be eligible for re-appointment.

11. Two members of the Board shall be a quorum, and may exercise and discharge all the powers and duties of the Board.

12. In case only two members are present, any matter upon which there shall be a difference of opinion shall be postponed for consideration by a full Board.

13. Meetings of the Board may be held as the members may determine, or as the Commissioner may require.

14. No member of the Board shall be eligible as an applicant, or be interested in any application, for a pastoral lease or the surrender of a pastoral lease under this Act; and no member shall knowingly hear or deal with any application for a lease, or for the surrender of a lease, in which any partner or relative of his is interested.

15. If any member of the Board act contrary to section 14 in any particular he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds.

16. Any
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Leases granted contrary to section 14 absolutely void.

Members of Parliament not to be on Board.

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MODE OF OFFERING PASTORAL LANDS.

16. Any lease granted contrary to section 14 shall be absolutely void, except as against a purchaser, not being a partner or relative of the member acting contrary to section 14, who shall purchase bona fide for valuable consideration without notice of the offence having been committed; but all premiums or other consideration received by such member, or his partner or relative, from any such purchaser, shall belong to the Crown, and be recoverable from such member, partner, or relative, by the Commissioner or any person appointed by him, by action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

17. No member of the Legislative Council, or House of Assembly, until he shall have ceased to be a member for at least six months, shall be a member of the Board; and any person while a member of the Board becoming a candidate for either House of Parliament shall cease to be a member of the Board.

18. When any pastoral lands shall hereafter be intended to be leased the Board shall, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, determine the area and boundaries of the land to be included in the lease, the term to be granted, and the rent to be reserved thereby. All pastoral lands in Schedules A, B, and C shall be dealt with by the Board under the provisions of this Act: Provided that the Board shall not be bound to grant a pastoral lease of any land which may be considered suitable for agricultural purposes. In fixing the size and boundaries of each lease due regard shall be paid to the natural features of the country, and so as to utilise the improvements and waters to the best advantage to each lease as equally as possible.

19. The preceding section shall extend to authorise the subdivision of lands then or previously included in any pastoral lease, in any manner in which the Board shall think fit, and also the inclusion of any such lands in one or more new leases, either alone or with other lands.

20. If there shall be any improvements on the land intended to be leased the Board shall, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, fix the amount to be paid therefor as hereinafter provided, distinguishing between the amounts payable to the Crown and to the outgoing lessee.

21. Upon, or within twelve months before, the expiration by effluxion of time of any pastoral lease all or such portion of the pastoral land comprised in such lease as shall not be required for any other purpose shall be re-offered for lease for pastoral purposes under this Act.

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22. The Commissioner may, by notice in the Government Gazette, declare that any pastoral lands are open for leasing under this Act.

23. The notice shall, besides any other particulars the Commissioner may think necessary, mention the area and situation of the land, the term, the annual rent, and the price to be paid for the improvements (if any), and to whom the same is to be paid, and cost of valuation, and shall specify a date, not being less than thirty days after the first publication of the notice, on and after which applications for leases may be received.

24. The Commissioner may, by notice in the Government Gazette, withdraw any lands declared open for leasing, and may subsequently, by notice in the Government Gazette, again declare the same, or any part thereof, to be open for leasing under this Act.

25. If any lands shall be declared open for leasing, but no applications shall be duly made therefor within one month after the date specified in the notice as aforesaid, or should all applications received be rejected or refused, the Commissioner may, upon giving further notice in the Government Gazette, offer such lands at such reduced rent and reduced price for improvements, or at such reduced rent, or reduced price for improvements as he may, with the advice of the Board, think proper: Provided that if the improvements belong to the lessee the price for such improvements shall not, except in case of depreciation, be reduced unless the rent is reduced proportionately.

PART IV.

APPLICATION FOR AND ALLOTMENT OF LEASES.

26. Applications for leases shall be made to the Commissioner in the prescribed form. Each application shall be accompanied by a deposit equal to twenty-five per centum of the first year's rent, as notified in the Government Gazette.

27. All applications for or including the same land, received before or on the date specified in the Gazette notice, shall be dealt with as simultaneous applications, and after such date all applications received on the same day shall be dealt with as simultaneous applications.

28. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as implying that any lessee whose lease has expired may not be an applicant for and obtain a new lease of all or part of the lands comprised in his expired lease.

29. All applications shall be referred by the Commissioner to the Board, who shall consider the same, and, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, shall determine to which applicants leases shall be granted.

30. If
30. If more than one application for or including the same land shall be received, the Board may, subject as aforesaid, arrange with the applicants for a division between them, or any of them, of the land so applied for, and apportion the rent and amount to be paid for improvements upon such subdivision.

31. No application shall necessarily be accepted, and any application may be rejected.

32. Notice of the names of the successful applicants, together with particulars of the lands to be leased to them, and the rents and price to be paid for improvements, if any, and any other particulars the Commissioner may think necessary, shall be published in the Government Gazette. All moneys deposited by any unsuccessful applicant shall be paid to him within twenty-one days from the time of his application being rejected.

33. Every successful applicant, whose name shall be so gazetted as aforesaid, shall, within one month after the first publication of such notice, and in the manner prescribed, pay the balance of the first year's rent and, subject to sections 50 and 51, the purchase-money for the improvements, if any; and shall execute the lease within the time and in manner prescribed.

34. If any successful applicant fails to comply with section 32 he shall forfeit his deposit and all other moneys paid by him in respect of the land applied for or the improvements thereon, and all right to a lease of the lands, without prejudice nevertheless to any other rights or remedies the Crown, or the Commissioner, may have against him by reason of such non-compliance.

35. The successful applicant shall not be entitled to have the lease executed by the Governor until payment of the first year's rent and the purchase money for the improvements (if any), unless, as regards improvements, the property of the Crown, he shall have obtained the consent of the Commissioner for payment by instalments; or, as regards improvements, the property of the outgoing lessee, a mutual agreement shall have been entered into as herein-after provided.

PART V.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASES.

36. The term of any lease to be granted under this Act shall not exceed—

As regards Classes A and B lands—Twenty-one years:

As regards class C lands—Twenty-one years, with a right of renewal for a second term of twenty-one years.

37. Every
37. Every lease shall be in a form containing the covenants, exceptions, reservations, and provisions mentioned in Schedule A to this Act, subject to any modifications or additions stated in the notice opening the lands for leasing required by the Commissioner for giving effect to this Act; and every such lease shall be prepared by the Commissioner, and executed in such manner as may be prescribed.

38. No lease granted under this Act shall authorise the lessee to carry on mining operations of any description whatsoever upon his run, or any part thereof, but the lessee shall be at liberty to utilise the surface of the land, or any part thereof, for pastoral purposes, or for any purposes he thinks fit.

39. If any lessee of pastoral land situate in Class C shall desire to exercise his right of renewal he shall, not less than twelve months before the expiration of the first term, give notice in writing of such desire to the Commissioner, who shall thereupon direct the Board to make a revaluation of the run and determine, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, the rent to be paid by the lessee during the second term.

40. Such re-valuation shall be completed not less than six months before the expiration of the first term, and the Commissioner shall forthwith serve upon the lessee notice in writing of the rent to be paid during such second term, and unless such lessee shall, within four months of such re-valuation and in manner prescribed, signify to the Commissioner his willingness to accept a renewal of his lease for such further term at the rent so notified, he shall be deemed to have absolutely waived all right to a renewal thereof, but not his claim for improvements.

41. If the lessee shall duly signify his willingness to accept the renewal, the Commissioner shall notify in the Government Gazette the renewal of the lease, and the rent to be paid during the further term, and such other particulars as he shall think fit, and shall cause an instrument of renewal to be prepared setting out the terms of the renewal, and such instrument shall be executed in such form, within such time, and in such manner as the Commissioner shall approve, or as may be prescribed.

42. During the interval between the notification of renewal and the execution of the instrument by him the lessee shall be bound by the terms of such instrument as if the same had been duly executed by him.

PART VI.

IMPROVEMENTS.

43. Within twelve months before the expiration of time of any lease of pastoral lands granted under this Act, all improvements
improvements, if any, existing upon the land shall be valued, so far as practicable, in detail, and their position indicated on a plan to be prepared by the Commissioner and signed by the Commissioner and outgoing lessee.

44. No improvement shall be valued at a sum in excess of the value thereof considered solely in connection with its worth to an incoming lessee as part of the improvements necessary to the working of a run carrying 5,000 sheep in Class A, 10,000 sheep in Class B, or 30,000 sheep in Class C, or a proportionate number of cattle, notwithstanding such area may be portion only of the run on which such improvement was made.

45. If the Commissioner and the outgoing lessee shall not within six months before the expiration of the lease agree as to the value and position of any such improvements, a valuation thereof shall be made by arbitrators, pursuant to the “Arbitration Act, 1891,” one arbitrator being appointed by the Commissioner and the other by such lessee.

46. The date for the appointment of arbitrators shall be fixed by the Commissioner, by notice in the Government Gazette, and shall not be later than six months before the expiration of the lease. The decision of the arbitrators or umpire shall be reported in writing to the Commissioner and the lessee three months before the expiration of the lease, or within such further time as the Commissioner may allow.

47. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the outgoing lessee shall be entitled to receive from the incoming lessee the value, as so determined, of all improvements made or purchased by him existing upon such portion of the outgoing lessee’s run as may be comprised in the new lease.

48. The purchase-money to be paid for improvements by the incoming lessee, whether afterwards payable to the outgoing lessee or not, together with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, on any amount overdue shall be a debt from the incoming lessee to the Commissioner, payable as hereinafter provided, and recoverable by action in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

49. The moneys received by the Commissioner in respect of improvements belonging to the Crown shall be paid by him to the Treasurer of the province and be held by him to the credit of the Loan Fund.

50. The moneys received by the Commissioner from the incoming lessee, in respect of improvements made or paid for by the outgoing lessee, shall be paid over to the outgoing lessee, as hereinafter provided, less all costs of and incidental to the recovery thereof, and less all proper deductions for rent, depreciation, or otherwise.

51. If
51. If the improvements to be paid for belong to the Crown, the Commissioner may permit the lessee to pay the purchase-money therefor, with interest, by instalments according to the scale set forth in Schedule B; but in that case the lease shall contain, in addition to the covenants mentioned in Schedule A, covenants by the lessee for the due payment of such instalments, and for the maintenance of the improvements in proper repair to the satisfaction of the Commissioner so long as any moneys shall remain owing to the Crown in respect of such purchase-money or interest as aforesaid; and also a provision that in the event of any instalments being unpaid for three months after any day upon which the same ought to be paid the purchase-money then remaining unpaid shall, at the option of the Commissioner, become instantly due, payable, and recoverable.

52. If any outgoing lessee entitled to payment for improvements, and the incoming lessee liable to pay the same, shall mutually agree touching the amount to be paid to the outgoing lessee for the improvements, and the time and manner of payment thereof, and shall, within one month, by writing under their hands notify the Commissioner of such mutual agreement, in such form and manner as he shall approve, then, and in every such case, the purchase-money for the improvements and all rights of action formerly vested in the Commissioner in respect of such improvements shall thenceforth be vested in and enforceable by the outgoing lessee.

53. Nothing in this Act contained shall impose upon the Commissioner any liability to make any payment in respect of any improvements, except as expressly provided by this Act, or shall make it incumbent upon the Commissioner, except upon receiving to his satisfaction a full and sufficient indemnity from the outgoing lessee, to require payment for improvements from any incoming lessee, nor to protect any improvements or the interests of any outgoing lessee therein, further or otherwise than as the Commissioner, in his discretion, shall think fit.

54. No lessee shall be entitled to any payment on the expiration of any lease issued under this Act, or on any resumption, in respect of any improvements made after the expiration of the first ten years of his lease, unless, before making such improvements, he shall have given written notice to the Commissioner, stating the nature, position, probable cost, and date of completion thereof, and such improvements shall have been sanctioned by writing under the hand of the Commissioner: Provided that, where it shall not be conveniently practicable to give such notice prior to the making of such improvements, the lessee shall nevertheless be entitled to payment for such improvements if such notice shall have been given with all reasonable dispatch, and if the improvements shall be sanctioned by writing under the hand of the Commissioner.

55. No payment or valuation shall be made on any resumption pursuant to this Act in respect of any improvements, nor shall any improvements...
improvements be considered pursuant to this Act, unless the Board shall certify that the same are useful, and were made for the purpose of improving the land for pastoral purposes, or for increasing the carrying capacity thereof, and that the improvements will have such effect, and unless the same shall consist of wells, reservoirs, tanks, or dams of a permanent character, available for the use of cattle or sheep, and which increase the carrying capacity of the land leased, or of substantial buildings, vermin-proof or other fences, huts, or sheds erected for residence, shearing, or other purposes, usually required for, or in connection with, keeping live stock; and, in ascertaining the amount to be paid for improvements for fencing, there shall be deducted the amount (if any) previously deducted or retained in respect of such fencing under any of the Crown Lands Acts.

56. For the purposes of this Act no value shall be attached to any improvement in excess of the value which would have been attached thereto by interpreting the word "value" in accordance with the definition contained in section 3 of Act No. 422 of 1887.

57. All machinery or appliances, which in the opinion of the board, arbitrators, or umpire making a valuation pursuant to this Act, shall be necessary for the purpose of raising, or distributing after raising, the water, which may be attached or appurtenant to any well, dam, tank, or reservoir to be valued under this Act, including all under and overground tanks and troughs, shall be deemed part of such well, dam, tank, or reservoir, and such board, arbitrators, or umpire, shall include such machinery or appliances in their valuation.

58. The incoming lessee, at the time and in manner appointed for the payment of the first year's rent, shall pay to the Commissioner the cost to the Commissioner, according to a scale to be prescribed, of any valuation of the improvements of the outgoing lessee made by the Commissioner, or to which the Commissioner shall be a party, but no cost shall be charged to the incoming lessee for a valuation made by the Board.

59. So long as any principal or interest money remains owing by any lessee for improvements it shall not be lawful for the lessee to pull down or remove from the land, or knowingly suffer to be pulled down or removed, or wilfully or knowingly destroy, damage, or injure, or suffer to be destroyed, damaged, or injured, any permanent building, erection, or water improvement erected or made upon the lease without the consent of the Commissioner in writing first had and obtained. Any person offending against the provisions of this section shall forfeit his lease, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable on conviction by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for any term not exceeding two years.
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OCCUPATION BY OUTGOING LESSEE AND POSSESSION BY INCOMING LESSEE.

60. If any interval shall elapse between the determination by effluxion of time of any pastoral lease and the commencement of the term of any new pastoral lease of the same lands or any part thereof, the outgoing lessee may continue in occupation of such lands during such interval at a rent computed at the annual rate last payable by him under his lease and upon the terms and conditions thereof, except as hereinafter provided.

61. Every such outgoing lessee may also continue in occupation of such lands for a period of not exceeding twelve months from the commencement of the term of any new lease thereof, but so that from and after such commencement and during such continued occupation by him, he shall as regards the lands included in such new lease pay the rent reserved by and observe and perform the terms and conditions of such new lease, and exonerate the incoming lessee therefrom.

62. Any outgoing lessee so remaining in occupation shall keep all improvements upon the land leased in good order and condition to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, and shall allow the incoming lessee rent at the rate of five per centum per annum on the amount paid by him for the improvements, and also reasonable compensation, to be fixed by the board, for any loss or depreciation in value of such improvements.

63. The purchase-money paid by the incoming lessee for the improvements shall be paid to the outgoing lessee when he shall give up possession of the land, but the Commissioner shall deduct therefrom and pay to the incoming lessee the amount payable by the outgoing lessee for rent or compensation for loss or depreciation of such improvements as aforesaid.

PART VIII.

SPECIAL LEASES TO DISCOVERERS OR FOR INFERIOR LANDS.

64. If the Commissioner is satisfied that any person—

(a) Has discovered any pastoral lands in Class C adapted for pastoral purposes; or

(b) Has
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(b) Has applied for a lease under this Act of land situated in Class A, B, or C, which, by reason of the presence of vermin thereon, had been previously abandoned, or had remained unoccupied for more than two years; or of land destitute of natural water;

the Governor may, notwithstanding that the land applied for may or may not have been declared open for leasing, grant to such person a lease under this Act of all or any portion of the land applied for, at a pepper-corn rental for the first five years, and at an annual rent of One Shilling per square mile for the next five years, and Two Shillings and Six Pence per square mile for the residue of the term, but subject to re-valuation as hereinafter provided, and in all other respects upon the same terms and conditions as other leases under this Act: Provided that every lease granted pursuant to this Act of land referred to in sub-division (a), shall be for forty-two years without re-valuation, unless as provided in section 66, and with no power of resumption unless as provided in sub-section 1 of section 72.

PART IX.

RENT VALUATIONS AND RE-VALUATIONS.

65. In fixing the rent of a run, whether originally or by way of revaluation, regard shall be had to—

(a) The carrying capacity of the land for depasturing by stock:

(b) The value of the land for agricultural or other purposes:

(c) The proximity and facilities of approach to railway stations, ports, rivers, and markets:

(d) All other circumstances affecting the value of the land to a lessee.

66. The annual rent, except as provided by section 62, shall not in any case be less than Two Shillings and Six Pence per square mile of land leased, nor less than Two Pence per head of sheep, excepting in Class C, where it shall not be less than One Penny per head of sheep, computed according to the carrying capacity of the run, as determined by the Board, five head of sheep being considered equivalent to one head of cattle, and in every case the board shall fix the rent irrespective of the value of any improvements which any lessee shall have made or paid for, and which shall not be the property of the Crown.

67. If any lease shall be renewed for a second term of twenty one years, pursuant to this Act, the annual rent to be paid during such second term shall not be more than fifty per centum above or below
below the rent payable during the last year of the first term of the lease: Provided that the rent may be increased during such second term by re-valuation in manner hereinafter provided.

68. If during the term of any lease or any renewal thereof, any railways, waterworks, reservoirs, or other works of a public nature, shall be executed by the Government on or in the vicinity of a run, and by reason thereof the value of the run shall, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be enhanced, the Commissioner may direct the Board to make a re-valuation of the run, or any part thereof; and the Board shall thereupon make such re-valuation, and determine, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, the amount, if any, by which the rent should be increased, and the date from which such increased rent should be payable; and the Commissioner shall thereupon serve notice of such increased rent upon the lessee:

69. No such re-valuation shall be retrospective or be made within five years after the commencement of the original term, or of the renewal or second term, of the lease, nor within ten years after any previous re-valuation.

70. The lessee may, at any time within three months from the service of such notice, by notice in writing, appeal to the Commissioner against such re-valuation, and thereupon the matter shall be determined by arbitrators pursuant to the "Arbitration Act, 1891," one arbitrator being appointed by the Commissioner, and the other by such lessee.

71. The Commissioner shall notify the lessee of the decision of the arbitrators, and thereupon the rent thereby fixed shall become payable, and be paid at the rate and from the date mentioned in the notice.

72. If the lessee shall not, within the time and in manner prescribed, appeal against the Board's re-valuation, the increased rent shall be paid by the lessee at the rate and from the date specified in the notice of increase.

PART X.

RESUMPTIONS.

73. The Governor may, during the currency of any lease of pastoral lands, by notice published in the Government Gazette and notice in writing forwarded to the lessee, resume possession of all or any part of the lands leased and determine the lease in so far as it relates to the land resumed: Provided that, except for any of the purposes mentioned in the first sub-section of the next following
following section, no such land shall be resumed during the first ten years of the term of the lease without the consent in writing of the lessee.

Notice to be given.

74. In all cases of resumption under this Act—

1. If the land shall be required for public works, such as railways, tramways, roads, bridges, public buildings, water conservation works, or the like, or as a site for a town or cemetery, or for mining, or for park lands, one month's notice of the intention to resume shall be so given:

2. If the land shall be required for any other purpose one year's notice shall be so given.

Compensation on resumption.

75. If land included in any lease issued under this Act shall be resumed, the lessee shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be compensated by the Government for the loss or depreciation in the value of the lease caused by such resumption, and also in respect of such improvements as he would have been entitled to payment for from an incoming lessee, if his lease had expired and the land had been relet as on the date of the notice of resumption.

76. In computing the compensation to be paid in any case for loss or depreciation in the value of any lease granted under this Act, no increased value given to such lease by reason of any public works executed after the granting of such lease, shall be included or taken into account.

77. The amount of compensation payable by the Government to any lessee, under this Act, shall be paid within six months after the resumption occasioning the loss or depreciation, provided the lessee shall then have given up possession of the land resumed.

Valuation by arbitrators.

78. The amount of compensation to be paid on any resumption under this Act, shall, in case of dispute or difference, be determined by two arbitrators, of whom one shall be appointed by the Commissioner and the other by the party entitled to payment or compensation. The provisions of the "Arbitration Act, 1841," shall apply to every such arbitration, except in so far as such provisions may be inconsistent with this Act. The date for the appointment of arbitrators shall, in every instance, be fixed by the Commissioner by notice in the Government Gazette, and shall not be later than three months after the resumption of the lands; and the decision of the arbitrators or umpire shall, within three months after their or his appointment, or within such further time as the Commissioner may allow, be reported in writing to the Commissioner and the other party.

79. If any lands included in any pastoral lease shall be resumed for the purpose of being included in any hundred, the lessee shall have
have a preferential claim to an annual lease of any part of such lands, which shall not be otherwise required or disposed of, during such residue of the term of his pastoral lease as was unexpired at the time of resumption. Every such annual lease shall be granted pursuant to the provisions of section 83 of the principal Act.

80. The proclamation of a hundred so as to comprise lands included in any pastoral lease shall not, apart from the resumption of the lands pursuant to this Act, affect the lease.

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SURRENDER OF FORMER PASTORAL LEASES AND RIGHTS FOR LEASES UNDER THIS ACT.

81. Any of the following persons, that is to say—

(a) Any person entitled to, but who has not received, payment from the Government for improvements on any pastoral lands which were comprised in any expired pastoral lease issued under any of the Crown Lands Acts:

(b) Any lessee holding pastoral lands under a pastoral lease issued under any of such Acts:

(c) Any person entitled under any of such Acts to or holding a lease of any pastoral lands:

who shall be desirous of releasing his claims to payment by the Government for improvements, or surrendering his lease, or right to a lease, as the case may be, and of obtaining in consideration thereof a pastoral lease of all or part of the same lands under this Act, shall, within three years from the coming into operation of this Act, give notice in writing to the Commissioner of such desire: Provided that this section and the four next following sections shall not, nor shall any of them, apply to any pastoral lands comprised in Class 1.

82. The Commissioner may refer such notice to the Board, who shall forthwith report to him the value of the improvements to payment for which by the Government such person or lessee is, or on the expiration of the existing lease would be, entitled, the capacity of the land for depasturing by stock, its value for agricultural or other purposes, its proximity and facilities of approach to railway stations, ports, rivers and markets, and all other circumstances affecting the value of the claims, lease, or rights of such person or lessee, and shall recommend for the approval of the Commissioner the term for which and rent at which a lease under this Act should be granted to such person or lessee upon his releasing all claims to payment by the Government, or surrendering his existing lease, or rights to a lease, as the case may be: Provided that the Commissioner may refuse any renewal of such lease or leases, or any portion thereof.

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Commissioner may offer new lease on terms.

83. The Commissioner may adopt such recommendations, or alter or vary the same as he shall think fit, and may, at his discretion, cause the person or lessee to be notified of the term for which and rent at which a lease or leases, under this Act, might be granted in consideration of such release or surrender; and such person or lessee may thereupon within three months, or such further time and in such manner as may be prescribed, notify his acceptance of such terms: Provided that the term of any lease so to be granted shall not exceed the unexpired period of the surrendered lease and the period limited by section 35 of this Act for lands in the same class, and that the annual rent reserved in the lease to be granted under this Act shall not be at a less rate than that payable under the surrendered lease, and shall be liable to be increased or decreased, upon re-valuation, as in the case of other leases under this Act.

New lease to be granted on acceptance.

84. On receipt by the Commissioner of such notice of acceptance a pastoral lease shall forthwith be granted to and executed by such person or lessee at the rent and for the term mentioned in the Commissioner's notification, and in all other respects on the same terms and conditions as other pastoral leases issued under this Act, and such person or lessee, as the case may be, shall, so far as regards the lands to be comprised in the new lease, be deemed to have—

(a) Released the Government from all claims and demands which before such notice of acceptance he had in respect of any improvements upon such lands:

(b) Released and discharged the Government from all rights or claims on his part to a lease under any of the Crown Lands Acts:

(c) Surrendered his existing lease and all rights, claims, and demands thereunder, whether to compensation for improvements or otherwise, except his right to a new lease under this Act as aforesaid.

New lessee to receive payment for improvements as if made during the new lease.

85. The lessee under any such new lease shall nevertheless be entitled to the like compensation or payment for improvements upon any resumption under this Act, or upon the expiration of his lease, to which an ordinary lessee under this Act would be entitled; and for the purposes of this section any improvements in respect whereof the lessee shall have surrendered or released his claims as aforesaid, and which may be of the like nature as improvements for which an ordinary lessee under this Act would be entitled to compensation or payment as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be improvements paid for by the lessee at the commencement of his lease.

Leases of contiguous blocks.

86. When any pastoral lessee holds several contiguous blocks of land under leases expiring at different dates, the Governor may, with the advice of the Board, if he deems it expedient, accept surrenders of such leases and issue a lease or leases in lieu thereof, expiring at or about the average date of expiry of such leases, notwithstanding such leases may be in different classes.

87. No
87. No surrender of any lease hereafter granted, made pursuant to section 171 of the principal Act shall be of any force and effect unless and until accepted by the Governor.

PART XII.
MISCELLANEOUS.

88. The Board may, by notice under the hand of the chairman or acting chairman, require the attendance of, and examine upon oath all applicants and other persons, and may require such applicants or persons to produce to the Board all documents in their possession, custody, or control relating to any pastoral land, lease, or other matter or thing whatsoever which may be under the consideration of the Board.

89. All persons whose attendance shall be so required shall be paid by the Commissioner such witness fees and mileage as would be allowed for the like attendance as witnesses in an action in the Supreme Court.

90. Any person whose attendance shall be so required, and who shall not duly attend the Board at the time and place appointed in the notice, or who shall fail or neglect to produce any document in his possession, custody, or control, of which due notice has been given shall, for every such offence be liable to a penalty of not exceeding Ten Pounds a day for every day on which such offence shall be committed or continue.

91. The provisions of sections 85 to 90, both inclusive, of the principal Act shall extend to all pastoral lessees of lands in Class C, and also to all other pastoral lessees holding under leases granted on or since the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and to all overseers and other persons having the care and management of the lands subject to any such leases.

92. The Commissioner may give permission to any person to erect gates on any road vested in Her Majesty not being a main road or within the limits of any corporation or district council, and may let the right of depasturing on such road. Any person injuring or destroying any such gate, or not closing the same, shall for each and every such offence be liable to a fine of not more than Fifty Pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for any period not exceeding six months.

93. The Commissioner, the Board, and any member thereof, and any person authorised by him or them, may at any time enter upon any pastoral lands, for the purpose of surveying or inspecting the same, or making any valuation, or for any other purpose which
which the Commissioner or the Board or any member thereof may
deem convenient or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to this
Act or any of the Crown Lands Acts.

94. For the purposes of this Act, and in all leases or other
instruments issued thereunder, the expression vermin shall not be
deemed to include wallabies or other marsupials.

95. If the leases of any pastoral lands which are held by
the same lessee, and which are contiguous to each other, or worked
together as one run, expire at different dates, the Governor
may, if he considers it advisable so to do, and with a view to the
simultaneous expiry of the leases, grant to the outgoing lessee a lease
under this Act for a further term not exceeding three years, at an
annual rental to be fixed by the Board, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, and not being less than the annual rental
paid under the previous lease.

96. The Commissioner shall furnish to Parliament every year a
report showing the names of the lessees to whom he has granted
permission to make improvements and the value of such improve-
ments.

97. The power of making regulations and imposing penalties
conferred by the principal Act shall extend to all such regulations
as to the Governor shall appear necessary or advisable for regulat-
ing the meetings and proceedings of the Board, and the appoint-
ment, retirement, or dismissal of the members thereof, and for all
other matters and things arising under and consistent with this
Act, not herein expressly provided for, and otherwise for fully and
effectually carrying out and giving effect to the purposes and powers
of this Act, and guarding against evasions and violations thereof.

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

S. J. WAY, Lieutenant-Governor.
THE SCHEDULES REFERRED TO.

SCHEDULE A.  

Pastoral leases shall contain a condition that the lessee shall not be entitled to possession of the run until he shall have paid the first year's rent and paid or arranged pursuant to this Act for payment of the price for the improvements (if any).

Covenants by the lessee:—

(a) To pay the rent annually in advance:

(b) To pay all rates and taxes which may be payable in respect of the demised premises during the term of the lease, or any renewal thereof:

(c) To stock, within three years, the land leased, with sheep in the proportion of at least five head, or with cattle in the proportion of at least one head, for every square mile leased, and to keep the same so stocked, and before the end of the seventh year to increase the stocking to at least twenty head of sheep, or four head of cattle, per square mile, and to keep the same so stocked during the remainder of the term and of any renewal thereof, and so that the stocking with sheep and cattle combined shall be sufficient if the requisite number are kept, one head of cattle being computed as equal to five head of sheep; and in all cases, upon being required thereunto, to furnish the Commissioner and the Pastoral Board with true particulars of the number of sheep and cattle with which the leased land is stocked:

(d) That the lessee will not at any time during the last three years of the term of the lease, or of any renewal thereof, overstock the land or any part thereof, or keep therein any excessive number of sheep, cattle, horses, or other stock, which, in the opinion of the Commissioner or the Pastoral Board, would have the effect of depreciating the ordinary capacity of the land for depasturing stock:

(e) To forthwith commence to destroy and keep the land free of vermin, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or the Pastoral Board, during the currency of the lease and any renewal thereof:

(f) Not to assign or sublet without the written consent of the Commissioner, but so that such consent shall not be capriciously withheld:

(g) Not to erect or suffer brush fences on the land leased:

(h) To fill up rabbit burrows to the satisfaction of the Commissioner or the Pastoral Board:

(i) To destroy Bathurst bur and other noxious weeds (if any) growing upon the land and upon the half width of Government roads adjacent thereto:

(j) Not to cut timber, except for erections, fencing, or firewood, without the licence of the Commissioner:

(k) Not to obstruct or interfere with any public roads, paths, or ways, or the use thereof by any person:

(l) To make and furnish all such statements and returns as may be required by any rule or law for the time being in force:

(m) To observe and comply with the regulations for the time being in force under this Act:

And in addition to such covenants—

(n) An exception or reservation in favor of the Crown, and all persons authorised, of all minerals, metals, gems, precious stones, coal, and mineral oils, together with all necessary rights of access, search, procuration, and removal, and all incidental rights and powers:

(o) An unrestricted right for the Crown and all persons authorised to enter and view the demised premises, and view the state and condition thereof, and to serve notice on the lessee of any wants of reparation, &c.:

(p) An
Section 51.

Scale for Payment of Purchase-money for Improvements, the property of the Crown, where Special Arrangement made, pursuant to Section 50, showing the Annual Payments, including Interest at 5 per Cent. per Annum, to be made in respect of every £1000 of the Purchase-money.

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Section 6.

SCHEDULE C.

District A.

Comprising all that portion of the province south of pastoral blocks 584, 585, 586, 587, 579, and 535; south and east of portions of pastoral block 536; south of the production westerly of the northern boundary of pastoral lease 2626, pastoral block 577, and the production easterly of its southern boundary to the north-west corner of county Hopetoun; south of the north boundary and west of portion of the east boundary of said county; south of portions of pastoral leases 233 and 239, pastoral lease
lease 259, pastoral blocks 387, 388, 391, and 392; west of portion, and south of pastoral block 349; west of pastoral block 354, and south of portion of said block; west and south of portions of pastoral lease 2769; west of pastoral lease 2948, and south of portion of said lease; west and south of pastoral lease 5170; west and south of portions of former pastoral lease 2195; north-west of portion, and south-west of pastoral lease 211; south-east of portion of said lease; south-west of pastoral lease 2303 and portion of pastoral lease 210; north-west of portion, and west of pastoral lease 2777; south of portions of said lease; west and south of portions of pastoral lease 2671; west of pastoral block 2924; north of portion of pastoral lease 2847; north and west of miscellaneous lease 2554; north and west of portions of pastoral lease 2847; south of the production westerly of the northern boundary of pastoral lease 137; south of the northern boundary of said lease and of a straight line from its north-eastern corner to the south-western corner of pastoral block 491; south of portions of pastoral blocks 491 and 511; west of a true south line about five and a half miles east of Wudinna Hill Trigonometrical Station; north of an east and west line about six and a quarter miles south of said trigonometrical station; west of a true south line about twenty-one miles east of the east boundary of county Robinson; north of an east and west line about fourteen and a half miles north of the northern boundary of county Musgrave; west of portion of the east boundary of county Robinson; north of portion of the hundred of Talia; east of the hundred of Downer and north of portion of said hundred; east of the hundreds of Wright and Witera; north of portion of the latter hundred; east of the hundreds of Campbell and Murray; east, north, and west, of the hundred of Tarlton; north of portion of the hundred of Scott; east of the hundreds of Finlayson and Hadam; south of portion, and east and north of the hundreds of Petina; east and north of the hundred of Hague; east of portion of the hundred of Guthrie; east of said hundred, and the hundreds of Chillundie and Wandana; east and north of the hundred of Goode, and west of portion of said hundred; north of the hundred of Moule; east of portions and north of the hundreds of Catt and Bagster; north of the hundreds of Burgoine, Cohen, Giles, Magarey, and Nash; east of portion of county Hopetoun; north of the production easterly of the north boundary of the hundred of Miller, and portion of said hundred; cast and north of former pastoral lease 1685; north of the production westerly of the northern boundary of said lease; and west of portion of county Hopetoun.

And all that portion of the province east of the west boundary of county Manchester and its production northerly; south of portion and east of pastoral lease 2515; south of portion of pastoral lease 2433, pastoral lease 2433A, former pastoral lease 2185, and portion of pastoral lease 2399; south-west of portion of Lake Torrens; south of the production of portion of the southern boundary of pastoral lease 98 easterly from the western to the eastern shore of said lake; east of portion of Lake Torrens aforesaid; south and east of pastoral lease 280; east and north of pastoral lease 2318; north and east of portions of pastoral lease 2468; east of pastoral lease 2579, former pastoral lease 1840, and portion of former pastoral lease 1839; south of pastoral lease 2426; west of portion and south of former pastoral lease 2156; south of pastoral lease 2435; west and south of portions of pastoral leases 2600 and 5185; west of portion of pastoral lease 63, pastoral leases 62 and 59, pastoral block 111, and pastoral leases 52 and 48; south of portion of the latter lease; west of pastoral block 132; north-west and west of pastoral lease 24; north-west of portion of pastoral lease 18; north-west and west of portions of pastoral block 58; north of portion of the hundred of Yednaluce; east and north of the hundred of Arkaba; east of the hundred of Woolyana; south of portion and east of the hundred of Edeowie; east of the hundreds of Bunyeroo and Parachilna; east, north, and west of the hundred of Nillpa; west of the hundreds of Parachilna Bunyeroo, and Edeowie; north and west of the hundreds of Cotabena and Warrika; north of portions and west of the hundreds of Wyacca and Yarrah; north of portion of the hundred of Crozier; east of portion, and north and west of the hundred of Coorong; south of portion of said hundred; west of portion of the hundred of Copley; south and south of the hundred of Handside; west of portion of the hundred of Gillen; north of portion, and west of the hundred of Jenkins; and north of portion of the south boundary of county Manchester; exclusive of the hundred of Carr.

Also all that portion of the province east and north of the hundred of McCulloch; east of portions of the hundreds of Kurilpa and Yednaluce; south of portion of pastoral block 58; south-west of portion of pastoral lease 18; west and south-west of pastoral lease 121A; west, south, and south-east, of portions of pastoral lease 121; south
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south of pastoral lease 27; south, south-east, and east of pastoral lease 29; south of portion of pastoral lease 41, pastoral lease 40, former pastoral leases 1874 and 1874A; west of portion of pastoral lease 39, and south of fence running easterly through said lease from the eastern boundary of former pastoral lease 2138 to near the 152nd milepost; west of portion of the eastern boundary of the province; north and west of former pastoral lease 2387; west of portion of former pastoral lease 2289; north of pastoral lease 7, and west of portion of said lease; north of portion of pastoral lease 227; north and west of pastoral lease 11A; west of portion of pastoral lease 227; north-west of pastoral block 27, and portion of pastoral lease 227; north of pastoral portion 4 and 2A; east of portion of county Kimberley; east of county Herbert, and north of portion of said county; east of the production northerly of the east boundary of the hundred of Waroonee; and north of an east and west line 10 miles north of the hundreds of Waroonee, Minburra, and portion of Yalpara.

District B.

Comprising all that portion of the province north of portion of District A; east and north of portions of the hundred of Yedelaide; east, north, and west of portions of District A; west of portion of pastoral lease 2326; north and west of former pastoral lease 2711; west and north of portions of pastoral block 599; north of portions of counties Jervois and Musgrave; east of a true north line about five and a half miles east of Wudinna Hill Trigonometrical Station; south of portion of pastoral block 511, and pastoral block 486; west and south of portions of pastoral block 187A; west and south of pastoral block 187B, and east of portion of said block; south of portion of pastoral lease 2332; south-east and north of Lake Gilles; north-east and east of pastoral block 183A; east of pastoral leases 209, 2269, 2544, and the production northerly of the eastern boundary of the latter lease; east of portion of Lake MacFarlane; east and south of portion of pastoral lease 2695; south of portion of pastoral lease 2389C; east of said lease, pastoral leases 2550, 2350, 2682A, 2682, 2644, and 2679; north of portion of the latter lease; east of pastoral leases 2677, 2674, 2671; north of the latter lease; east of portions of pastoral leases 2634B, 2795, pastoral leases 2432, 2255; south and east of portions of former pastoral lease 1845; south of pastoral lease 2344, and portion of pastoral lease 2639; south and east of former pastoral lease 1888, and portion of pastoral lease 2639; east of portion of pastoral lease 2639A; south of former pastoral lease 2865A; east of portion of Lake Eyre North; south of pastoral block 239, pastoral leases 2962, 2361, and portion of 2369; west and south of portions of pastoral leases 2842 and 2570; south of former pastoral lease 2916; south-west of portions of pastoral lease 2405, former pastoral lease 2918, and pastoral leases 2739 and 2739A; south of pastoral leases 2773 and 2589A; south and west of portions of pastoral lease 218; west and south of portion of pastoral lease 2784; west of the eastern boundaries of pastoral lease 2979, portion of pastoral lease 73 and pastoral lease 2530A; west of pastoral lease 2530B, pastoral leases 2497A, 2497, and 2794, pastoral block 517; west of pastoral lease 247; south of portion of said lease; west of portion of pastoral lease 2542; west and south of pastoral lease 2645; south of pastoral leases 2499, 2514, 2240, 2986, and 5004.

And all that portion of the province east of portions of counties Burra and Kimberley, and south of portion of District A., north of the hundred of Stuart; east of portion of said hundred; north-east of portion of pastoral block 275; north of the production westerly of the northern boundary of former pastoral lease 2158A; north of said lease and former pastoral lease 2158; west of portion and north of former pastoral lease 2161; west of portion of pastoral lease 1816; north of the southern boundary of pastoral lease 5193 and its production easterly to the western boundary of Chaffey Brothers' Irrigation Colony; west of portion and north of said irrigation colony to the eastern boundary of the province.

All that portion of the province south of county Alfred and portion of county Albert; east and south of the hundred of Bowhill; east of portion of the hundred of Ettrick; north of portion of former pastoral lease 2078; north of former pastoral leases 1875 and 2093; north and west of portion of pastoral lease 2553; east of portion of county of Buteleuch; north of the hundreds of Cotton and Bews; west of portion of the hundred of Purilla; and north of said hundred and the hundred of Pinnaroo.

Also all that portion of the province north of portion of the hundred of Tatiara; north-east of a line seven miles north-east of and parallel to the line of railway from Murray
Murray Bridge to the Victorian border; east of portions of counties Cardwell and Bucieleuch; and south of an east and west line fifteen miles south of the hundreds of Cotton, Bews, Parilla, and Pinnaroo.

Together with all those portions of the province east of portion and south of the hundred of Coolinong; east of the hundreds of Bonney, Glyde, Santo, and Neville; north of portion of county MacDonnell; west of portion of the hundred of Wirrega; south and west of portion of the hundred of Stirling and south-west of a line seven miles south-west of and parallel to the line of railway from Murray Bridge to the Victorian border; together with that portion of county MacDonnell not included in any hundred.

The boundaries of the districts above described are approximately indicated on the plan hereto attached.