



CHAPTER 34

An Act to promote the increasing of the arable domain

[Assented to, the 28th of April, 1939]

WHEREAS draining of the lands in this Province would Preamble.
afford to agriculture a vast extent of land which
is now unproductive;

Whereas the Province of Quebec must retain its agricultural character, as agriculture affords incomparable guarantees of economic and social security and stability;

Whereas much of such presently unproductive land is situated close to existing parishes;

Whereas the improving of such lands, while assuring the expansion of agriculture, will promote a sound colonizing policy through the consolidation and enlargement of organized parishes;

Whereas it is the duty of the Federal Government to render justice to the Province of Quebec and to promote the agricultural expansion of Quebec as it has always promoted assistance for western farmers;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent to the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, is authorized to expend, out of the consolidated revenue fund or out of the loans which he is authorized to contract, such sums as he may deem necessary for the draining of the lands of Expenditure of sums for the draining of lands of the Province.

the Province, provided that the Federal Government contribute fifty per cent of such expenditure; the costs of administration to be borne by the Government of this Province.

Entering into
agreements.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Agriculture to enter into, with the Federal Government, any agreement conforming to this act.

Coming into
force.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.