



CHAPTER 6

An Act to promote the reopening of the mills in the Chicoutimi region

[Assented to, the 27th of May, 1937]

WHEREAS the city and the region of Chicoutimi Preamble.
have particularly suffered by reason of economic conditions which have resulted from the closing of certain of its mills and whereas there is an acute state of unemployment there;

Whereas it is expedient to efficaciously remedy this situation for the benefit of its population, and its youth and of the Province;

Whereas it is in the general interest to reduce unemployment and assure the resumption of work;

Whereas it is expedient to afford to the city and region of Chicoutimi the place belonging to it in the economic life of the Province and to aid in the reestablishing of its prosperity and in the opening of careers for the youth, by the reopening of the mills which have contributed to its development;

Whereas there is reason to believe that the steps actually taken by the Government to assure the reopening of the mills of the said city and region will bring about a solution of the said question and will assure the resumption of the paper industry before the next Session;

Whereas the reopening and the operating of the mills of the city and region of Chicoutimi will contribute largely to the remedying of unemployment, the lessen-

ing of direct relief, the reducing of public budgets and the restoring of the welfare of the population;

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

- 1.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may:
- a.* Cede, by mutual agreement, upon the conditions he may determine, timber limit concessions which would assist mill reopening or mill construction in the city of Chicoutimi and which may be necessary to assure maintenance of operation;
- b.* Exchange lands held under letters patent or licenses to cut timber for public land, the manner and the conditions of the holding whereof he may determine;
- c.* Authorize the Minister of Lands and Forests to expropriate such lands when he deems the holding thereof is of a nature to hinder the reopening of such mills or their maintenance in operation, and when it is impossible to obtain voluntary cession or exchange;
- d.* Amend, respecting timber limit concessions ceded to the owners of such mills under this act and those they may already possess, the regulations concerning the granting of licenses to cut timber, the cutting of timber, the transfers of limits, the ground rents, the tax for forest protection and the regulations concerning, in general, the holding of lands coming from the public domain and the exploitation of the timber on such lands;
- e.* Make compromises respecting any tax, duty or other claim due to the Crown;
- f.* Undertake the construction or the remaking of roads or bridges whenever deemed necessary for the putting into and proper operation of such mills;
- g.* Make, for the aforesaid purposes, the necessary expenditure.

2. The expropriation contemplated under subparagraph *c* of the preceding section shall be had in conformity with the act 1 George VI, chapter 38.

3. The expenses necessitated by the carrying out of this act shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may enact the Loans there-entire or partial payment of such expenses by means of ^{for.} loans not exceeding thirty years and bearing interest at rates not exceeding four per cent per annum.

4. A copy of all the orders and regulations enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in virtue of the provisions of this act shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within the first ten days of the ensuing Session. ^{Laying of documents before Legislative Assembly.}

5. The powers attributed to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by this act may no longer be exercised by him counting from the fifteenth day from the opening of the ensuing Session. ^{Limitation of powers.}

6. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. ^{Coming into force.}

