



CHAPTER 22

An Act respecting the petroliferous springs of the Gaspesian area

[Assented to, the 12th of November, 1936]

WHEREAS geologists have for a long time pointed out the existence of petroliferous springs in the Gaspesian area; Preamble.

Whereas mining concessions have been granted to certain persons or firms who or which have not taken steps to exploit them effectively ;

Whereas it is expedient to undertake serious investigation with respect to such springs and to ensure their being turned to account promptly for the benefit and welfare of the population, the protection of the people's savings, the opening-up of lucrative careers for the young and the relief of unemployment;

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

1. The word "Minister" in this act means the "Minister".
Minister of Mines and Fisheries.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on such conditions as he may deem expedient, confer the following powers upon the Minister: Powers of Minister.

a. To make all such research as he may deem useful for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of exploiting and the value of the petroliferous springs of the Gaspesian area;

b. To assist, by proper measures, the putting into operation and the development of such springs.

Appointing of mining engineers, etc. **3.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, appoint such mining engineers, officers and all other employees as the Minister may need for the purposes of section 2, define their duties and fix their remuneration.

Powers of persons appointed. **4.** Any person appointed under the preceding section may, between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock at night on any day, except a Sunday or holiday, enter upon any land to prospect thereon and obtain information; examine the pits, excavations and other mining work; convey upon the premises such equipment as he may deem necessary for his prospecting or use that already there; enter any building used for exploitation of a petroliferous spring; take, from such building or elsewhere, any sample which he may need for purposes of analysis or valuation of a petroliferous spring, subject to the payment of actual damages if any there be.

Regulations. **5.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make, amend or repeal, on the recommendation of the Minister, all regulations necessary for the carrying out of this act.

Expense. **6.** The expense incurred for the carrying out of this act must not exceed fifteen thousand dollars and shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund.

Revoking of certain concessions. **7.** Any concession of land for exploitation of the ore to be found therein, for which letters patent were issued before the 1st of July 1911, and any concession of land containing ore made before the 24th of July 1880, the exploitation of which has remained inactive during the five years preceding the 1st of October 1936, may be revoked by the Minister, notwithstanding the provisions of Division II of the Quebec Mining Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 80).

Notice thereof. Notice of such revocation shall be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette* and shall take effect from the date of its publication.

Coming into force. **8.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.