



## CHAPTER 22

An Act to assure the protection of the forest resources of the Province

[Assented to, the 18th of May, 1935]

**WHEREAS** the forest resources of the Province constitute one of its chief riches; Preamble.

Whereas their development is an important source of revenue for the agricultural and working class of the population as well as for the Government;

Whereas it is in the public interest to afford the necessary protection to the development of such forest resources, so as to assure the perpetuity thereof;

Whereas a judicious development of such forest resources would furnish permanent and paying markets for the agricultural population;

Whereas it is necessary, moreover, to protect the workman, working in the forest or at the mill, as well with respect to wages, hygiene and working conditions;

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

**1.** This act may be cited as the *Forest Resources Protection Act*. Short title.

**2.** Every person or corporation carrying on or causing to be carried on forest operations on land forming part of the public domain, for the making of paper or of pulp, or both, or operating a mill for such purpose, which is completely or partially supplied by wood cut on such land on or after the 10th of April, 1935, was owned or controlled by the holder of one or more licenses to cut timber on such <sup>observance of certain regulations</sup> <sup>engaged in certain forest operations</sup>

land, must observe the regulations which may be enacted under section 3, in addition to the obligation of carrying out the provisions of any other acts and regulations.

**Restriction.** This provision shall not apply to wood cut or to be cut on private lands nor to lots granted to settlers under location ticket.

**Making, etc., of regulations re:**

**3.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from time to time, adopt, amend or repeal regulations respecting the judicious development of the forest resources of the Province, the control of timber-cutting on land forming part of the public domain, the purchase and sale of such wood and its transformation into paper or pulp, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing terms, the object of such regulations may be:

**Providing for deposit of copies of contracts, etc.;**

1. To provide for the deposit, with the Minister of Lands and Forests, according to the formalities determined, of copies of contracts, covenants or agreements and of their amendments, relating to the acquisition of wood cut on land forming part of the public domain, to its sale and transformation into paper or pulp;

**Limiting cutting of wood;**

2. To limit the cutting of wood to the quantities reasonably required, according to the then existing conditions, and also so as not to affect the future yield from the forest;

**Protecting forest and mill workmen;**

3. To protect the forest or mill workman as well from the standpoint of health and salary as from that of working conditions;

**Ascertaining quantity of wood cut;**

4. To ascertain the quantity of wood cut on land forming part of the public domain and not utilized in the course of any year to fulfill the obligations justly contracted by those who ordered the cutting thereof;

**Fixing minimum proportion of pulpwood to be used annually;**

5. To fix the minimum proportion of pulpwood cut on land forming part of the public domain to be used annually in any or all the mills referred to in section 2, and to provide adequate penalties payable to the Crown for infringements of such regulation; such penalties not to exceed an amount equivalent to six dollars per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet outside measure in respect of the full quantity of such pulpwood so required to be used;

**Non-interference with previous contracts;**

6. To provide exceptions to the regulations mentioned in the preceding paragraph to avoid retroactive interference with contracts for pulpwood shown to the satisfaction of the Minister of Lands and Forests to have been previously entered into in good faith or for any other reason deemed adequate by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The regulations adopted in virtue of this section shall be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette* and shall come into force on the date which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine, after such publication. Coming into force, etc., of regulations.

**4.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, at any time and from time to time, increase to not exceeding six dollars per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet outside measure the then prevailing stumpage dues for any holder of a cutting license, in respect of all wood cut thereunder during the year for which such cutting license was issued, if it be established to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the said holder has not observed the regulations enacted under this act and the provisions of the other acts and regulations which govern him or whose operations are deemed to be detrimental to the interests of the Province in the administration of the public domain. Increasing of stumpage dues in certain case.

**5.** Every person or corporation to whom or to which this act applies may be required, by the Minister of Lands and Forests or any officer or agent under him authorized for that purpose, to supply under oath any information requested with respect to the acquisition or disposal by sale or otherwise of any wood cut on lands forming part of the public domain or of any paper or pulp produced therefrom, or with respect to the matters referred to in sections 3 and 4 or any regulation adopted under section 3, and to exhibit any document or writing relating thereto. Requiring of information under oath.

**6.** The Minister of Lands and Forests shall have charge of the carrying out of this act. Carrying out of act.

**7.** This act shall come into force on such date as it may please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix by proclamation. Coming into force.