



CHAPTER 26

An Act respecting the exportation of hydro-electric power

[Assented to, the 24th of March, 1926]

WHEREAS the Province contains numerous waterfalls Preamble.
suitable for the development of electric power;

Whereas, by industrial development and the increase in domestic needs, the application of electric power is becoming more considerable every day;

Whereas coal, oil, wood and other fuel are daily becoming more difficult to obtain and more expensive;

Whereas the industrial, commercial and economical development of the Province indicate that in the near future all the water-powers which are the most accessible and the least costly to operate will be utilized;

Whereas once exportation of electric power is permitted, it can seldom be stopped or suspended without giving rise to serious difficulties;

Whereas it is in the best economical interests of the Province, for the promotion of its industry and commerce, to attract capital and create industrial centres therein in which workmen would find employment, thereby stopping emigration, and in which farmers would find markets for their produce;

Whereas the prohibition to export electric power in the cases hereinafter determined will constitute an important factor to assist in attaining these objects, and it is therefore, expedient to enact provisions to that effect;

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

1. Every sale, lease, or grant whatsoever of water-powers, Clause prohibiting exportation of
belonging to the Province or in which it has rights of ownership or other rights, made on or after the 24th of March,

electric power. 1926, shall contain a clause prohibiting the exportation, outside of Canada, of the electric power which may be developed in this Province.

Idem. **2.** Every contract, permit or grant authorizing, from and after the same date, the installation or passage of transmission lines, in or over the Crown domain, shall likewise contain a similar prohibitive clause.

Authoriza-
tion of Pub.
Serv. Comm.
subject to
prohibition. **3.** Every authorization given by the Quebec Public Service Commission, under the acts concerning it, shall be subordinated and subject to the prohibition enacted by the above sections 1 and 2.

Violation
entails
nullity. **4.** Every violation of the provisions of this act shall render null and void, at the demand of the Crown, any sale, grant or contract, or any lease or permit, made or granted by it.

Provisions
applicable. **5.** The provisions of this act shall apply:
 a. To existing contracts, unless reported to the Minister of Lands and Forests, within three months after the coming into force of this act; and
 b. To any renewal of such contracts, at the expiration of the term for which they were made.

Coming into
force. **6.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.
