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### No. 13.

An Act to Amend "The Agricultural Lands Purchase Act of 1894."

[ASSENTED TO 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Agricultural Lands Purchase Act Amendment Act of 1897*," and shall be read and construed with and as an amendment of "*The Agricultural Lands Purchase Act of 1894*" (hereinafter called the Principal Act); and the Principal Act and this Act may together be cited as "*The Agricultural Lands Purchase Acts, 1894 and 1897*." Short title and construction.

2. The tenth section of "*The Crown Lands Act of 1895*" is repealed. Repeal of section 10 of 59 Vic. No. 31.

3. In the case of all lands subject to the provisions of the Principal Act which are proclaimed open for selection, and notwithstanding anything in "*The Crown Lands Acts, 1884 to 1895*," or in any other Act or Acts, to the contrary contained— Conditions in case of lands subject to the Principal Act, which are proclaimed open for selection. [59 Vic. No. 31, s. 10.]

- (1) Land Orders shall not be available in payment of rent;
- (2) It shall not be necessary for any lessee, in order that he may become the purchaser of the holding, to prove that the condition of occupation has been performed by the continuous and *bonâ fide* residence on the holding of the lessee himself or of any successive lessees, provided he prove that the condition of occupation has been otherwise performed for the prescribed period;

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- (3) The sixth section of "*The Crown Lands Act of 1891*" shall not apply to such lands;
- (4) No such lands shall be open to unconditional selection until they have been proclaimed, and have remained open to conditional selection for at least three months;
- (5) The Governor in Council may, in the Proclamation declaring such lands to be open for selection, further declare that any person then or theretofore in lawful occupation of any portion of the said lands shall be entitled to priority, and if, on the day appointed as that on which the land will be open, an application by such person to select such land is lodged at the same time as applications by other persons, the application of such person shall be deemed to have been first lodged and shall be entitled to priority accordingly.

Areas of purchased land may be set apart.

4. (1.) The Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, define and set apart any part or parts of any area of land (not exceeding one-fourth of such area) purchased under the provisions of the Principal Act, to be dealt with as hereinafter mentioned.

(2.) When any such area is so defined and set apart, the lands in such area may be proclaimed open for selection in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed by the Principal Act and this Act; but no person shall be qualified to make application for a selection within any such area—

- (a) Unless he has arrived in this Colony less than three months before making his application; and
- (b) Unless he has continuously resided out of the Colony for the period of five years immediately before such arrival in the Colony as aforesaid.

(3.) Every such applicant shall, at the time of lodging his application or at such later time as the Commissioner may then direct, furnish to the Land Commissioner for the district in which the selection applied for is situate proof of his qualification under this Act.

(4.) The Governor in Council may make Regulations prescribing the manner in which an applicant for a selection in any such area as aforesaid shall give proof of his qualification to select in such area, and prescribing such other matters and things as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

*Instalments Payable under this Act.*

Amount of instalments to be paid in respect of selections hereafter applied for.

Schedule.

5. From and after the passing of this Act the annual rent to be paid by any person selecting land which is subject to the provisions of the Principal Act and this Act shall be at the rates specified in the Schedule to this Act for every hundred pounds of the purchasing price, in lieu of the rates mentioned in the fifteenth section and in the Schedule to the Principal Act.

Terms under which selectors who have paid one instalment only may elect to come under this Act.

6. Any person who, at the passing of this Act, has selected land which is subject to the provisions of the Principal Act, and has paid the first instalment thereunder, but has not paid the second instalment, may elect to come under the provisions of this Act, and in such case the amount payable in respect of the second year shall be at the rate of two pounds twelve shillings for every hundred pounds of the purchasing price.

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In the third and subsequent years, the amounts payable in such case shall be in accordance with the rates specified in the Schedule to this Act.

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7. In the case of any person selecting land after the passing of this Act which is subject to the provisions of the Principal Act and this Act, and in the case of any person who elects to come under the provisions of this Act under the provisions of the last preceding section, the amount to be paid upon acquiring the fee-simple of a Farm before the expiration of the term of the lease shall be a sum equal to the amount then remaining unpaid in respect of the principal of the purchase money calculated in accordance with the rates specified in the Schedule to this Act, together with an amount equal to five shillings for every year of the unexpired term of the lease in respect of every hundred pounds of the purchasing price.

Amount to be paid  
under this Act for  
accelerated purchase.

## THE SCHEDULE.

TABLE showing the PROPORTION OF PRINCIPAL and INTEREST in each ANNUAL INSTALMENT.

Year of Payment.	Principal.	Interest.	Total Payment.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 ...	10 0 0	...	10 0 0
2 ...	...	...	...
3 ...	3 4 0	4 15 0	7 19 0
4 ...	3 7 2	4 11 10	7 19 0
5 ...	3 10 6	4 8 6	7 19 0
6 ...	3 14 0	4 5 0	7 19 0
7 ...	3 17 9	4 1 3	7 19 0
8 ...	4 1 8	3 17 4	7 19 0
9 ...	4 5 9	3 13 3	7 19 0
10 ...	4 10 1	3 8 11	7 19 0
11 ...	4 14 7	3 4 5	7 19 0
12 ...	4 19 3	2 19 9	7 19 0
13 ...	5 4 3	2 14 9	7 19 0
14 ...	5 9 5	2 9 7	7 19 0
15 ...	5 14 11	2 4 1	7 19 0
16 ...	6 0 8	1 18 4	7 19 0
17 ...	6 6 8	1 12 4	7 19 0
18 ...	6 13 0	1 6 0	7 19 0
19 ...	6 19 8	0 19 4	7 19 0
20 ...	7 6 8	0 12 4	7 19 0
	£100 0 0	£53 2 0	£153 2 0