

No. XXVI.

LABOUR
SETTLEMENTS ACT
AMENDMENT.
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An Act to amend the “Labour Settlements Act.” [5th June, 1894.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the “Labour Settlements Act”: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title, &c.

1. This Act may be cited as the “Labour Settlements Act Amendment Act of 1894,” and shall be read with and as forming part of the “Labour Settlements Act,” fifty-six Victoria number thirty-four, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

Labour Settlements Act Amendment.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act the Minister may recommend to be paid to any Board of Control established thereunder, and the Colonial Treasurer may, from any moneys voted for the purpose, pay to such Boards any sum or sums the Minister may deem necessary or expedient, provided that the aggregate amount to be advanced by way of loan shall not when taken together with any moneys advanced before the commencement of this Act exceed for each enrolled member—

- (a) Who is head of a family dependent upon him—fifty pounds.
- (b) Who is a married person without a family dependent upon him—forty pounds.
- (c) Who is an unmarried person over the age of twenty-one years (which terms shall be held to have included and to include a bachelor, a spinster, a widower, or a widow)—thirty pounds:

Provided that the amounts hereby sanctioned shall not be paid to a greater number of persons than may be entitled to receive the same at the passing of this Act: Provided also that the Minister before making any advance beyond the amounts provided for in the Principal Act, and from time to time thereafter, shall be satisfied that the improvements made upon the Labour Settlement are of a value approximating to the aggregate amount of money previously advanced by the Crown.

3. In any case where a Labour Settlement has been or may hereafter be initiated with moneys provided by the enrolled members, the Colonial Treasurer may on the Minister's recommendation pay to the Board in one sum or by instalments according as the Minister may think fit, subject to the provisions for repayment, as provided by section six of the Principal Act, an amount not exceeding the appraised value of such improvements as shall have been made on the Labour Settlement by or at the expense of the members thereof. The appraisement of the value of such improvements shall be made by any person or by the Local Land Board of the district, as the Minister may appoint or direct: Provided that the term "improvements" shall with respect to any Labour Settlement be held to include any live stock or working plant the joint property of such Settlement: Provided also that the aggregate amount to be so paid shall not when taken, together with any moneys advanced before the commencement of this Act, exceed for each enrolled member the sums specified in section two hereof.

4. The Governor may, by proclamation in the *Gazette*, withdraw land may be withdrawn from lease for roads, school sites, &c. from lease or promise of lease under the Principal Act, without compensation, any land required for roads, sites for schools, public buildings, or for recreation, or other general purpose in connection with such settlement. Any such proclamation may be cancelled or modified by proclamation in the *Gazette*.