

LOAN (RAILWAYS) ACT.

Act No. 14, 1915.

George V, An Act to authorise the raising of a loan for railway purposes ; to amend the Audit Act, 1902 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Assented to, 22nd February, 1915.]

BE it enacted by the King'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.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Loan (Railways) Act, 1915."

Definitions.

2. In this Act "the Treasurer" means the Colonial Treasurer ; and "Stock" means Inscribed or Funded Stock.

Governor may raise money by issue of Debentures or Stock.

3. The Governor may, by the issue of Debentures or Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, raise any sums of money not exceeding in the whole three million pounds, to be expended for railway purposes.

Debentures or stock may be sold in Sydney or London.

4. Such Debentures or Stock may be issued in New South Wales or in London, at such times, for such amounts, and for such periods as may be directed by the Governor.

Creation of Stock.

5. Any stock issued in New South Wales under this Act shall be styled "New South Wales Funded Stock," and shall, if sold otherwise than by tender, be purchasable at the Treasury upon any lawful day.

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6. (1) The provisions of the Funded Stock Act of **George V, No. 14.** 1892, relating to the method of inscription and transfer of Stock, and the regulations under the Inscribed Stock (Issue and Renewals) Act, 1912, and the forms pre-scribed in the said regulations, are hereby declared to be applicable to, and shall be followed and used, mutatis mutandis, in connection with Stock issued within New South Wales under this Act.

(2) In respect of any Stock issued in London under this Act, the Governor may make regulations, in respect of Stock sold in London, not being inconsistent with the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act, 1902, for carrying this Act into effect. Such regulations shall be published in the Gazette and laid before Parliament within fourteen days after such publication, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session thereof.

7. (1) Pending the issue of Debentures or Stock under this Act, the Governor may, by the issue of Treasury Bills secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, raise any sums of money not exceeding in the whole the amount authorised to be raised under this Act.

Such Treasury Bills shall have such currency, not exceeding five years, as the Governor may direct.

(2) Stock, Debentures, and Treasury Bills issued under this Act shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four pounds per centum per annum :

Provided that any such Stock, Debentures, and Treasury Bills issued within twelve months after the commencement of this Act may bear interest at a rate exceeding four pounds per centum per annum.

8. The principal moneys for which such Treasury Bills may be made out shall be chargeable on and payable out of the Railways Loan Account, 1915, constituted as hereinafter in this Act provided. The interest on such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable on and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

9. The provisions of the Treasury Bills Act, 1902, relating to the making out, signing, numbering, dating, and the amounts of the Treasury Bills authorised by that Act to be issued, and to the cancellation of defaced Treasury Bills and the issue of new Bills in lieu of such Bills

George V, No. 14. Bills or of such Bills as are lost, burned, or otherwise destroyed, and to the cancellation of discharged Bills, shall apply to Treasury Bills issued under this Act.

Moneys borrowed under this Act to be paid to Treasurer.

Withdrawals from Railways Loan Account.

Application of section 36 of Audit Act, 1902.

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Amendment of s. 58.

Power to trustees and others to invest in Debentures or Stock.

10. (1) There shall be an account kept in the Treasury under the Audit Act, 1902, called the Railways Loan Account, 1915.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-five of the said Act, all moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer, and shall be by him carried to the Railways Loan Account, 1915, and moneys so carried to such account shall be applied to meet the cost of duplicating portions of the main trunk lines of railway, and other works in connection therewith.

(3) No moneys shall be drawn from the Railways Loan Account, 1915, except under the authority of this Act.

(4) Section thirty-six of the Audit Act, 1902, shall not apply to an appropriation or balance of an appropriation made by this Act.

(5) In section fifty-seven of the Audit Act, 1902, add the following paragraph :—

(e) A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Railways Loan Account, 1915, for such quarter or year.

(6) In subsection one of section fifty-eight of the same Act, add the following paragraph :—

(f) A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure for such year of the Railways Loan Account, 1915.

11. Debentures, Stock, and Treasury Bills sold or issued under this Act are hereby declared to be for all purposes Government Securities, and all corporations and other persons whatsoever shall have power to invest in the purchase of such Debentures, Stock, and Treasury Bills any moneys held by them, whether as trustees or otherwise, which they are not expressly forbidden to invest in Government Stock or Securities, without on that account being liable for a breach of trust and without incurring any liability whatsoever, provided that such investment is in other respects reasonable and proper.