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A LAW FOR AFFORDING ASSISTANCE TO THE CITRUS
INDUSTRY OF THE COLONY.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Citrus Industry Aid Law. Short title.
2. In this Law—
 “ the Board ” means the Citrus Industry Aid Board established under this Law ;
 “ citrus land ” means an area of land which is fully planted with citrus trees, and includes any other trees thereon and any building, tank, well or water, erected, sunk or found on such area or appurtenant thereto, and all other lands appurtenant thereto and enjoyed therewith ;
 “ owner ” means the registered owner of citrus land, and includes any person who has a legal right or duty to cultivate such citrus land on behalf of such owner or his estate, but does not include a lessee of such citrus land. Interpretation.
3. It shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, to advance out of the revenue of the Colony such sums as may be approved by the Secretary of State, to be used and applied solely in making advances, under this Law, to owners in respect of citrus land. Authority to advance money with approval of the Secretary of State.
4. There shall be established a Board which shall consist of not less than three and not more than nine members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Board and may from time to time remove all or any of the persons appointed under this section and appoint others in the stead of such of them as shall be removed, die, resign or depart from the Colony. Establishment of Board.
5. (1) Notwithstanding any temporary vacancy or vacancies in the body of members comprising the Board the same shall be deemed to be fully constituted for the purposes of this Law. Provisions relating to Board.
(2) The persons appointed as members of the Board shall be one body politic and corporate in deed and name by the name of the Citrus Industry Aid Board and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all the Courts of the Colony and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal.

(3) No personal liability shall attach to any member of the Board in respect of anything done or suffered in good faith under the provisions of this Law.

(4) In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting the members shall from among their number elect a chairman for the purpose of such meeting.

(5) Three members including the Chairman or member elected chairman under the last preceding subsection shall form a quorum for the transaction of business and may do anything that the Board may do under this Law.

(6) The Chairman and the member elected chairman under subsection (4) of this section shall have the right to vote on any question and in the event of the division of votes being equal he shall have also a casting vote and the decision of the majority of the members present and voting shall prevail.

(7) The Chairman of the Board shall have full power to call meetings of the Board.

Advances
vested in
Board, and
advances to
owners of
citrus land.

6. The moneys advanced from the revenue of the Colony under the provisions of this Law shall be placed at the disposal of and vested in the Board for the purpose of making advances to owners of citrus land in such cases as the Board shall deem it advisable that such loans shall be made.

Powers of
Board.

7. It shall be lawful for the Board—

- (a) to appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a secretary ;
- (b) to arbitrate any matter in dispute or compromise any proceedings, and any money the payment of which is rendered necessary by such arbitration or compromise shall be paid out of the funds placed at its disposal ;
- (c) to pay out of the funds placed at its disposal all judgments and decrees for the payment of money and the costs incident thereto obtained against it, and any other expenses of whatever kind necessary in conducting the business of the Board ;
- (d) subject to the approval of the Governor in Council to make rules governing and regulating the transactions of the Board.

8. The accounts of the Board shall from time to time be audited by the Auditor who shall have access to the books of the Board at all convenient times. A report of the result of such audit shall be forwarded to the Administrative Secretary.

Accounts of
the Board.

9. (1) All applications for advances by owners of citrus land shall be in the form A in the schedule to this Law and shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Board and the particulars stated in such application shall be verified on oath.

Applications
for advances
by owners of
citrus land
and interest
on such
advances.

(2) The Chairman shall lay all applications before the Board and the Board shall consider each application on its merits and in its absolute discretion may grant or refuse any advance, and shall fix the amounts to be allowed and the interest thereon and the conditions on, and the times at which advances shall be made, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) of section 13 of this Law, the purposes to which such advances shall be applied.

Schedule.

(3) Advances made by the Board shall bear interest at such rate as may be fixed by the Board with the approval of the Governor.

10. (1) Upon the making of any advance the Chairman of the Board shall forthwith complete the form of Notification in the form B in the Schedule to this Law and shall sign and forward the same to the District Lands Officer of the District in which the citrus land specified in the Form of Notification is situate who shall record the same in a book to be kept for the purpose and such book shall be kept available for inspection by the public, during office hours, free of cost.

Notification
and
recording of
advances.
Schedule.

(2) The Board shall keep at its office a register of all advances made which shall contain a duplicate of the Form of Notification alphabetically indexed at the time of making the advance, and such register shall be open to the inspection of any person between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each weekday upon payment of a fee of fifty mils for each inspection not exceeding one hour.

(3) Everything required to be done or signed by the Chairman under subsection (1) of this section may be done or signed by the Secretary and shall be as valid and effectual as if done or signed by the Chairman.