

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act 1912-1917*.

2. Section two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "five years" and inserting in their stead the words "ten years". Amendment of s. 2.

3. Section eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) thereof the words "five years" and inserting in their stead the words "ten years". Reward for discovery of rock phosphate.

4. The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the second column opposite the words "Rock Phosphate" the words "five years" and inserting in their stead the words "ten years". Amendment of the Schedule.

SHALE OIL BOUNTY.

No. 29 of 1917.

An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the production of Crude Shale Oil.

[Assented to 22nd September, 1917.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows :— Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917*. Short title.

2. There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, the sum of Two hundred and seventy thousand pounds during the period of four years commencing on the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, for the payment of bounty in accordance with this Act. Appropriation for payment of bounties.

3.—(1.) The bounty under this Act shall be payable in respect of the production in Australia of crude shale oil from mined kerosene shale. Specification of bounty.

(2.) In order to entitle producers to bounty, the crude shale oil must be produced, and the claim for bounty must be made, within four years after the first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

(3.) The bounty payable to each producer of crude shale oil in accordance with this Act shall be payable at the rates specified in the third column of the Schedule.

Limit of total
amount
of bounties.

4.—(1.) The total amount of the bounty authorized to be paid in any one year shall not exceed the sum of Sixty-seven thousand five hundred pounds.

(2.) Where the maximum amount of bounty which may be paid in any year has not been paid in that year the unpaid balance, or any part thereof, may be paid in any subsequent year in addition to the maximum amount for that year.

Proof of good
quality and of
compliance
with the Act
to be furnished.

5. No bounty shall be authorized to be paid to any person other than the producer of the goods, nor unless the producer of the goods furnishes proof to the satisfaction of the Minister that the goods are of the prescribed quality, and that the requirements of this Act and the Regulations have been complied with.

Conditions of
employment
and rates of
wages.

6.—(1.) The Minister may make application to the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or to any Judge of a Federal or State Court or to any person or persons who compose a State Industrial Authority, for a declaration as to what wages and conditions of employment are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of the goods.

(2.) On the hearing and determination of the application, the President, Judge, person or persons shall have all the powers which under the *Excise Procedure Act* 1907 belong to the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and all witnesses and persons summoned to appear or appearing before him or them shall be subject to the same liabilities and penalties, as witnesses or persons summoned to appear or appearing before the President on an application within the meaning of that Act, and the provisions of that Act, shall, so far as they are applicable apply accordingly, *mutatis mutandis*, as if the application were an application within the meaning of that Act.

(3.) Every person who claims the bounty payable under the Act shall, in making his claim, certify to the Minister the conditions of employment and the rates of wages paid to any labour employed by him, other than the labour of members of his family.

(4.) If the Minister finds that the rates of wages and conditions of employment, or any of them—

- (a) are below the standard rates and conditions of employment prescribed by any Commonwealth or State Industrial Authority, or
- (b) are below the standard rates and conditions applicable to the locality and agreed upon between representatives of associations of employers and employees registered under any Commonwealth or State Act, or
- (c) are below the rates and conditions declared, as in the first sub-section of this section mentioned, to be fair and reasonable,

the Minister may withhold the whole or any part of the bounty payable.

Offences against
Act.

7. No person shall—

- (a) obtain any bounty which is not payable;

- (b) obtain payment of any bounty by means of any false or misleading statement ; or
- (c) present to any officer or other person doing duty in relation to this Act or the Regulations any document, or make to any such officer or person any statement, which is false in any particular.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for twelve months.

8. A return setting forth—

- (a) the names of all persons to whom bounty was paid during the preceding financial year ;
- (b) the amounts of all such bounty ;
- (c) the names of the places and States in which the goods were produced ;
- (d) the number of persons employed in each of the works, wages paid, and hours observed in the production of the goods,

Return to be
laid before
Parliament.

shall be prepared in the month of July in each year and shall be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within thirty days after its preparation if the Parliament is then sitting, and if not, then within thirty days after the next meeting thereof.

9. The Governor-General may make Regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Act, and in particular for any of the following purposes :—

Regulations.

- (a) For prescribing the minimum quantity of goods to be produced to entitle the producer to claim the bounty ;
- (b) For prescribing the proportion in which bounty shall be payable to claimants who have complied with the prescribed conditions, in cases where there is not sufficient money available to pay the full bounty in respect of all the claims ;
- (c) For requiring each producer to keep books showing in detail the cost of production, and for the inspection of all books and balance-sheets of each producer, and of the process of production, for the purposes of—
 - (i) ascertaining and reporting on the conditions of employment obtaining and the rates of wages paid ; and
 - (ii) ascertaining the cost of production and the percentage of profits earned ;
- (d) For empowering the Minister from time to time to determine the amount which shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to be the capital invested by any producer in the production of the goods, and to deduct from any bounty payable to the producer an amount to be determined by the Minister, not exceeding the profits earned in excess of ten per centum per annum upon the amount of capital so determined ; and

- (e) For empowering the Minister to determine whether production by any producer in any particular locality is for the purposes of this Act production by that producer at a separate deposit.

THE SCHEDULE.

Description of Goods.	Period dating from 1st September, 1917, during or in respect of which Bounty may be paid.	Rate of Bounty payable in each year to each producer on goods produced by him at each separate deposit as prescribed.	Maximum Amount which may be paid in any one year.	Date of Expiry of Bounty.
Crude Shale Oil, as prescribed, produced in Australia from Mined Kerosene Shale	4 years ..	On each gallon up to 3,500,000 gallons 2½d. On each gallon exceeding 3,500,000 gallons and not exceeding 5,000,000 gallons 2d. On each gallon exceeding 5,000,000 gallons and not exceeding 8,000,000 gallons 1½d. On each additional gallon .. 1½d.	£87,500 ..	31st August, 1921

LOAN.

No. 30 of 1917.

An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand pounds for certain purposes.

[Assented to 22nd September, 1917.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Loan Act 1917*.

Treasurer may borrow £1,862,000.

2. The Treasurer may from time to time, under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1915*, or under the provisions of any Act authorizing the issue of Treasury Bills, borrow moneys not exceeding in the whole the amount of One million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand pounds.

Purpose for which moneys may be expended.

3. The amount borrowed shall be issued and applied only for the expenses of borrowing and for the purposes set forth in the Schedule to this Act.