

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

No. 27 of 1917.

An Act to provide for the Appointment of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts during the Second Session of the Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth.

[Assented to 21st 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 *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1917*.

Appointment of Committee during Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in section two of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts to be appointed during the Seventh Parliament of the Commonwealth, may be appointed during the second session of that Parliament, and shall be appointed as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act.

WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES.

No. 28 of 1917.

An Act to amend the *Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act 1912*.

[Assented to 22nd September, 1917.]

Preamble.

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 :—

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act 1917*.

(2.) The *Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act 1912* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(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.