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No. 654.

An Act relating to the Supply of Seed Wheat to Farmers.

[Assented to, November 12th, 1896.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Parliament of South Australia, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Seed Wheat Act, 1896." Short title.
2. The Treasurer may provide District Councils with seed wheat for supply to farmers for sowing during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. Treasurer may provide seed.
3. Every District Council shall undertake the full responsibility for the distribution of the seed within its district, and for the repayment of the cost, but no District Councillor shall incur any personal liability. Distribution by councils.
4. Not more than two hundred and fifty bushels shall be supplied to any one farmer or in respect of the same farm. Limit.
5. Each Council shall, within its district— Duties of council.
 - i. Take all precautions to prevent seed being supplied to any farmer not really requiring such assistance, or not having a reasonable opportunity for profitably sowing the seed supplied:

ii. Secure

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II. Secure the proper sowing of all seed supplied during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven in the district and on the farm intended :

III. Repay to the Treasurer the cost of all seed supplied, with interest at Five Pounds per centum per annum from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven ; the whole to be paid on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight : Provided that in the case of any principal and interest paid to the Treasurer on or before due date one-fifth of the interest so paid shall be rebated to the District Council paying the same.

Set-off.

6. All subsidies, grants, and moneys payable by the Government, or out of any public funds, to any District Council or for council or district purposes, may be set off against any moneys payable by the same District Council under this Act.

Securities.

7. The Council, for their own protection, may take any securities for repayment to the Council of the cost of the seed supplied to each farmer, with interest, and such cost and interest shall be a debt by the farmer to the Council to be repaid on or before the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

First charge.

8. Such cost and interest shall be a first charge on the crop grown on the farm during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and on the farm whereon it is grown, and shall also be recoverable in every respect as a rate duly levied and declared and payable to the Council in respect of the farm under the District Councils Acts.

Forms.

9. The receipt of any District Council in the form in the First Schedule shall be conclusive evidence of the liability of the Council to the Government, and the receipt of any farmer in the form in the Second Schedule shall be conclusive evidence of the liability of the farmer to the Council.

Regulations.

10. The Treasurer and all District Councils shall have all necessary and convenient powers for carrying this Act into effect, and the Treasurer may make regulations for giving effect to this Act, and such regulations shall be gazetted and shall be laid before Parliament, and shall have the force of law from the time of being gazetted.

Renewal of advances made in 1896.

11. Any advances made by the Treasurer for seed wheat under agreement with any District Council during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six shall be renewable for one year, and shall, with interest, be payable, charged, and recoverable as if they were cost and interest under this Act.

12. Any

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12. Any farmer residing outside District Councils may apply to the Treasurer for seed wheat, and the Treasurer may in that case, if he thinks fit, exercise all the powers given by this Act to District Councils. Aid outside District Councils.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

T. F. BUXTON, Governor.

