

## No. 5067.

## An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Agent-General for Victoria.

[7th August, 1945.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Agent-General's Act* 1945 and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.

Short title  
and  
commencement.

2. (1) The *Agent-General's Act* 1928 and the *Agent-General's (Amendment) Act* 1936 are hereby repealed.

Repeal of  
Nos. 3633,  
4374.

(2) Such repeal shall not affect any contract or appointment made or any security given under either of the said Acts before the commencement of this Act.

3. (1) The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint some person to be Agent-General for Victoria in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Appointment  
of Agent-  
General.  
Comp.  
No. 3633 s. 3.

(2) In the absence of an Agent-General or in case of the temporary incapacity or absence of the Agent-General the Governor in Council may appoint some person as Acting Agent-General to discharge the duties of the Agent-General.

4. Any member of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be eligible for appointment to the office of Agent-General, but on appointment the seat of such member shall become vacant.

Members of  
Legislative  
Council and  
Legislative  
Assembly  
eligible for  
appointment.  
No. 3633 s. 4.

5. (1) The person appointed from time to time as Agent-General for Victoria shall subject to this Act hold office for a period not exceeding five years then next ensuing from the date of his appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Period of  
service.  
Ib. s. 5.

(2) The

(2) The Agent-General shall not during his continuance in office engage in any employment other than that in connexion with the duties of his office as such.

(3) The Governor in Council may at any time on the ground that the Agent-General—

(a) has been guilty of misbehaviour ;

(b) is incapable of properly carrying out his duties ; or

(c) neglects or refuses to carry out any direction of the Governor in Council given pursuant to this Act—

suspend or remove such person from his office.

**Duties of  
Agent-General.**

6. (1) The Agent-General shall act as representative and resident agent of Victoria in the United Kingdom.

(2) The functions of the Agent-General shall include—

(a) the promotion of the sale of primary products of Victoria ;

(b) the promotion of the sale of the products of secondary industries of Victoria and the stimulation of interest in the extension of existing, and the establishment of new, secondary industries in Victoria ;

(c) the fostering of trade between the United Kingdom and Victoria ;

(d) the dissemination of knowledge of, and the encouragement of special interest in, Victoria ;

(e) the promotion of emigration to Victoria ;

(f) the dissemination of information for the purpose of attracting tourists to Victoria ;

(g) co-operation with Agents-General of other States of the Commonwealth and with the High Commissioner of the Commonwealth ; and

(h) the carrying into effect of any direction of the Governor in Council in relation to the above matters or affecting the representation of Victoria in the United Kingdom.

(3) At least once in every three months the Agent-General shall furnish to the Governor in Council a report on the exercise of his functions and on any matters which may affect the representation of Victoria in Great Britain.

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7. The Agent-General shall be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament such salary representation allowance and travelling expenses as are fixed by the Governor in Council.

Salary and allowances of Agent-General.

8. Subject to the approval of the Governor in Council the Agent-General may from time to time appoint competent officers for the purpose of clerical and other duties required in the execution of this Act and may remove any officer so appointed.

Appointment of staff.  
Comp. No. 3633 s. 13.