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No. 1705.

An Act to amend the Irrigation Acts, 1922 and 1924.

[Assented to, December 24th, 1925.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Irrigation Act Amendment Act, 1925." Short titles.

(2) The Irrigation Acts, 1922 and 1924, and this Act may be cited together as the "Irrigation Acts, 1922 to 1925."

(3) The Irrigation Act, 1922, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act." No. 1546 of 1922.

2. This Act is incorporated with the other Acts mentioned in section 1 of this Act, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.

3. Division I. of Part IV. of the principal Act is amended by inserting therein the following section :— Amendment of principal Act, Part IV.—

45A. (1) The Commission may—

(a) subject in each case to the approval of the Minister, reduce the rent payable for any block in an irrigation area :

(b) direct that the rent payable for any such block shall be payable quarterly in advance.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

Power to reduce rent.

Irrigation Act Amendment Act.—1925.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 46—

Area of holdings.

4. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended so as to read as follows:—

46. (1) There shall be no limit to the area of land or the number of blocks which may be held under this Act by any person: Provided that of the land in any irrigation area so held by any person whether held in his own name or in the name of any other person not more than fifty acres in the aggregate shall be irrigable land: Provided also that the Commission may permit any person to hold more than fifty acres of irrigable land in the Jervois Irrigation Area, if, in the Commission's opinion, such permission is necessary in order that such person may be in a position to work his block with a reasonable likelihood of success, but in no case shall any person hold more than one hundred acres.

(2) In this section "irrigable land" means land which in the opinion of the Commission is suitable for irrigation and for which a supply of water is available.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 100—

Remission of
advances in certain
cases.

5. Section 100 of the principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection—

(4) The Commission may, subject in each case to the approval of the Minister, remit the whole or any part of any moneys which have been expended by the Commission pursuant to this section and are due by any lessee.

Concessions to
certain settlers in
respect of past
payments for rent
and water rates.

6. Where any lessee of land within any of the following Irrigation Areas, namely, the Irrigation Areas of Mypolonga, Pompoota, and Wall, has, in any year prior to the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, paid for rent and water rates in respect of his land a sum exceeding in the aggregate an amount made up of the annual rent as fixed pursuant to the recommendations contained in the report of the Irrigation Commission made, pursuant to section 22 of the principal Act, on the twenty-second day of October, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, plus Thirty Shillings for every acre of such land, then the difference between the amount paid by the lessee as aforesaid and the amount so made up shall be credited to the lessee by the Commission and may be set off against any rent or water rates becoming due in the future, or against any sums owing by the lessee to the Commission in respect of any advance.

Registration of
alterations of leases
and mortgages.

7. Where, pursuant to this Act, the rent payable under any lease is altered, or the terms of any lease or mortgage are varied, the provisions of Part XIII. of the Real Property Act, 1886, shall apply with respect to such alteration or variation.

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

TOM BRIDGES, Governor.