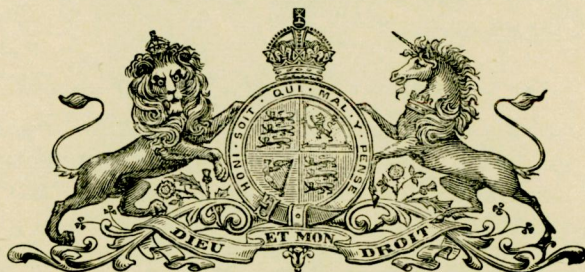


This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16 October, 1912.* }

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1912.

An Act to authorise the establishment or purchase of State iron and steel works ; and for purposes consequent thereupon or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

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Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the "State Ironworks Act, 1912." Short title.

The Commissioner.

2. The Governor shall appoint a Commissioner, to be named Appointment of Commissioner. the Commissioner for State Ironworks (hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the Commissioner").

State Ironworks.

The Commissioner shall hold office for a term of seven years from his appointment.

He may, however, be suspended or removed from office by the Governor, but only for the same causes and in the same manner as the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways may be suspended or removed from his office.

He may also resign his office.

He shall receive a salary not exceeding two thousand pounds per annum. Such salary is hereby charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and such fund, to the extent required for the payment of such salary, is hereby permanently appropriated.

3. In case of the illness, suspension, or absence of the Commissioner the Governor may appoint some person to act as deputy of the Commissioner during such illness, suspension, or absence: And every person so appointed shall, while so acting, have the powers and perform the duties of the Commissioner. Deputy of the Commissioner.

Purchase or resumption of land.

4. (1) For the purposes of constructing and establishing or working thereon any iron and steel works, and any works in connection therewith in pursuance of this Act, the Commissioner may, with the approval of the Governor, under the Public Works Act, 1900, and any Act amending the same, purchase, and the Governor may under the said Acts resume any land, and appropriate any land vested in His Majesty, or in any person in trust for His Majesty. Such purchase, resumption, or appropriation shall be deemed to be for an authorised work, and the Commissioner shall be deemed to be the Constructing Authority. Purchase, resumption, and appropriation of land.

(2) For the same purposes the Commissioner may purchase any machinery, plant, implements, and things, and any rights, easements, benefits, or goodwill belonging to or enjoyed by any person: Purchase of machinery and plant.

Provided that section twenty-eight of the Public Works Act, 1900, shall apply in respect of any works constructed on such land under this Act; and that no such purchase or resumption shall be made and no such works shall be constructed unless with the previous approval by resolutions of both Houses of Parliament.

Powers and duties of the Commissioner.

5. All lands so purchased, resumed, or appropriated, and all other properties so purchased under this Act, are hereby vested in the Commissioner for and on behalf of His Majesty. But no sale or lease by the Commissioner of any such lands shall have any force or effect unless it has been approved by the Governor. Lands and properties vested in Commissioner.

6. The Commissioner may on such lands construct buildings and establish iron and steel works, and may add to any buildings and works forming part of any land so purchased, resumed, or appropriated. Construction and establishing of works.

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7. The Commissioner is hereby authorised to carry on the ^{Business to be carried on.} business of manufacturing iron and steel, and articles of iron and steel, and disposing of the same, and any by-products of the business ; and, as incidental to such business, he may—

- 5 (a) mine for ores of metals and minerals, including coal and limestone ;
 (b) charter ships for the carriage of material ;
 (c) construct railways and tramways and conduct traffic thereon, subject to the approval of the Minister for Railways ;
 10 (d) dispose of to any other Government department, coal, coke, and limestone ;
 (e) enter into contracts in relation to the above or any other matters necessary for carrying on such business :

8. The Commissioner shall appoint or employ such officers and ^{Officers and servants.} servants to assist in the carrying on of such business as he thinks necessary, and every officer so appointed shall hold office during pleasure only.

The Commissioner shall pay such salaries, wages, and allowances to officers and servants as Parliament appropriates for that purpose, ²⁰ not being less than those fixed under statutory authority by any court or board, or by any industrial agreement.

9. All moneys appropriated by Parliament for the maintenance ^{Expenditure of moneys.} or management of the State ironworks, and for all purposes in connection therewith shall be expended under the control and management of ²⁵ the Commissioner.

10. The Commissioner shall keep a proper account of all ^{Accounts.} moneys received and expended in connection with the State ironworks, or any business which the Commissioner carries on in pursuance of this Act.

³⁰ He shall, at the close of each financial year, prepare and forward to the Minister a copy of such account for such financial year, and the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, lay such statement before Parliament.

11. The Commissioner may, with the approval of the ^{By-laws.} Governor, make by-laws—

- ³⁵ (a) for the control and discipline of officers and servants appointed or employed by him ;
 (b) prescribing the duties of such officers and servants ;
 (c) generally for the control of the State ironworks, and for the ⁴⁰ conduct of the business carried on by the Commissioner in pursuance of this Act.

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