

An Act respecting Social Credit Measures

(Assented to April 3, 1936.)

"Whereas under modern scientific conditions productive capacity is unlimited; and

"Whereas the existence of indigence and unemployment throughout a large portion of the population demonstrates the fact that the present monetary system is obsolete and a hindrance to the efficient production and distribution of goods; and

"Whereas discovery, invention and organization have multiplied the possibilities of the resources of the world to such an extent that abundance of production has itself created new problems; and

"Whereas it is essential to the well being of the people of this province that all hindrances to the efficient production and distribution of goods be done away with and that the people of this Province be enabled to enjoy the benefits to which their productive capacity entitles them; and

"Whereas the electors of the Province are favourable to the adoption in the Province of a measure based on what are generally known as Social Credit principles, their general objects being to bring about the equation of consumption to production, and to afford to each person a fair share in the cultural heritage of the people in the Province; and

"Whereas by reason of the circumstances and conditions of all businesses, industries, trades and vocations carried on in the Province, it is essential that any measure of the nature aforesaid should be formulated in such a way that it will be feasible and will be effective to better the economic conditions of the people;

"Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Social Credit Measures Act."
2. It is hereby declared that the people of the Province are entitled to the full benefit of the increment arising from their association.
3. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is authorized to appoint such persons as are considered fit and proper, —
 - (a) To examine into, consider, investigate and formulate proposals having for their object the increase of the purchasing power of the consumer by means of social dividends, compensating discounts or by any other means and the payment to the producer of any commodity of a just price and the allowance to any dealer in a commodity of a fair commission on turnover, and for such purposes to ascertain all necessary facts relating thereto, and to report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council as to the feasibility of applying any such proposal or any modification thereof having regard to the economic circumstances of the Province and of the various businesses, industries, trades and vocations of the people of the Province;

- (b) to inquire into and to investigate the prevailing circumstances whether, and if so to what extent any of such circumstances and conditions, or either of them, operate to the disadvantages or detriment of the Province as a whole or to any class or category of persons in the Province, and to report thereon to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
4. Any persons appointed pursuant to this Act shall be appointed upon such terms and conditions, at such remuneration and subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
 5. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may confer upon any person so appointed either by the Order in Council whereby he is appointed or by a subsequent order, the same power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents as may be conferred upon the commissioner appointed pursuant to The Public Inquiries Act.
 6. For the purpose of making any inquiry authorized by this Act, every person appointed pursuant to this Act for the purpose of making any such inquiry shall be entitled to examine upon oath such persons as he may in his discretion think proper.
 7. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and to put into operation any measures designed to facilitate the exchange of goods and services or any proposal which is calculated to bring about the equation of consumption to production and thus ensure to the people of the Province the full benefit of the increment arising from their association.
 8. No provision of this Act shall be so construed as to authorize the doing of any act or thing which is not within the legislative competence of the Legislative Assembly.
 9. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to."