

(3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the contribution payable by the Commission under this section in any financial year is payable by equal quarterly instalments on the first days of September, December, March, and June in that financial year.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, if on the first day of September in any financial year the preparation of the Commission's accounts for the immediately preceding financial year has not been completed or the Treasurer has not made a determination under subsection (2) of this section in relation to the last-mentioned financial year, the contribution that, but for this subsection, would have been payable on that day is payable as soon thereafter as the preparation of those accounts has been completed and that determination has been made.

3 Notwithstanding anything in subsections (3) and (4) of section two, in the financial year that commenced on the first day of July 1971 the contribution payable by the Commission under that section shall comprise three-quarters of the total contribution that, but for this section, would have been payable in that financial year, and is payable, by three equal instalments, on the first day of December 1971, the first day of March 1972, and the first day of June 1972; but in all other respects the provisions of that section apply to and in relation to the payment of the contribution in that financial year. Transitory provisions.

LAUNCESTON PUBLIC HOSPITALS BOARD.

No. 48 of 1971.

AN ACT to make temporary provision with respect to the constitution and powers of the Launceston Public Hospitals Board. [14 October 1971.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as the *Launceston Public Hospitals Board Act 1971*. Short title.

2—(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
 “Board” means the Launceston Public Hospitals Board;
 “Principal Act” means the *Hospitals Act 1918*.

Interpretation.

(2) For the purposes of this Act the prescribed period is the period—

- (a) commencing on such day as the Governor may, by order, appoint; and
- (b) ending on such day, not earlier than the thirtieth day of June 1972 or later than the thirty-first day of December 1972, as the Governor may, by order, appoint or, if no day is so appointed, the thirty-first day of December 1972.

Constitution of the Board during the prescribed period.

3—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act, at the commencement of the prescribed period all the members of the Board then holding office as such shall be deemed to have vacated their offices by reason of the effluxion of time, and, subject to this section, throughout the prescribed period—

- (a) the Board shall consist of three persons appointed by the Governor; and
- (b) the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board shall be such members thereof as the Governor may appoint in that behalf.

(2) The persons named in the schedule shall be deemed to have been appointed members of the Board under subsection (1) of this section to take office at the commencement of the prescribed period, and the persons specified therein as chairman and vice-chairman shall be deemed to have been so appointed as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

(3) The provisions of the Principal Act so far as they relate to the appointment or election, the term of office, the resignation or vacation or forfeiture of office, of any member of the Board, or the chairman or vice-chairman of the Board, or the deputy of any member of the Board, do not apply to or in respect of the Board as constituted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Subsection (3) of section twenty-one of the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1931 does not apply to persons who are appointed as members of the Board under subsection (1) of this section, but, subject to the foregoing provisions of this subsection, nothing in this Act shall be construed as excluding or limiting the operation of that section, during the prescribed period, in relation to the office of a member of the Board, or the chairman or vice-chairman thereof.

(5) During the prescribed period subsection (1) of section thirteen of the Principal Act has effect as if it provided that two members of the Board constituted a quorum thereof.

(6) At the expiration of the prescribed period the members of the Board then holding office as such by virtue of this section vacate their offices and the Board shall thereafter be constituted in accordance with the Principal Act and, for that purpose, appointments may be made and elections may be held in like manner as if all the members of the Board who, pursuant to this subsection, vacate their offices at the expiration of the prescribed period had vacated their offices by reason of the effluxion of time.

4—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Act the Board may employ a person to undertake, for a specified period or until the happening of a specified event, the duties of a specified office in the service of the Board; and while that person is so employed he shall, for the purposes of the Principal Act, be deemed to be the person holding that office. Acting appointments, &c., during the prescribed period.

(2) No person shall be employed under this section to perform the duties of any office referred to in section thirty-three of the Principal Act without the approval of the Minister.

(3) This section does not have effect so as to authorize any employment for a period commencing after the expiration of the prescribed period.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prejudicing or affecting the exercise by the Board of any of its powers under the Principal Act.

THE SCHEDULE.

(Section 3.)

Members of the Launceston Public Hospitals Board deemed to have been appointed under this Act.

Chairman: *Sir Norman Henry Denham Henty, K.B.E.*

Vice-Chairman: *Mrs. Dorothy Edna Annie Edwards, O.B.E.*

Member: *Professor Arthur Frederick Cobbold, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Lond.), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Tasmania.*

RURAL RECONSTRUCTION.

No. 49 of 1971.

AN ACT to give effect to a scheme for the assistance of persons engaged in rural industries.

[14 October 1971.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Rural Reconstruction Act* 1971. Short title and commencement.

(2) This Act shall commence on a date to be fixed by proclamation.