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No. 777.

An Act to amend the Crown Lands Acts, and for other purposes.

[*Assented to, December 21st, 1901.*]

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

1. This Act may be cited as "The Crown Lands, Closer Settlement, and Blockholders' Loans Amendment Act, 1901." Sections 3, 4, and 5 hereof shall be incorporated and read with "The Crown Lands Act, 1888," and all the Acts incorporated therewith.

Title and incorporation.

2. Section 3 of "The Crown Lands Amendment Act, 1898," is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. Any lessee under any Crown lease heretofore granted may, before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and two, apply in writing to the Surveyor-General to surrender his lease for a perpetual lease under the provisions of this Act: Provided that this section shall apply only to any lease which is solely used for pastoral or agricultural purposes, or both, or which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, may not be required for subdivision.

Leases may be surrendered for perpetual leases.

Exception.

3/705/98.

4. Any lessee under any lease heretofore granted may, before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and two, apply in writing to the Surveyor-General for a reduction of rent or purchase-money under such lease, and if a reduction shall be recommended by the Surveyor-General and approved by the Commissioner

Reduction of rents and purchase-money.

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missioner the same shall be made, and shall take effect from the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and a memorandum of the reduction shall be indorsed on the lease.

Rent to be fixed at
per square mile.

5. In respect of any lands which are only suitable for pastoral purposes, the Surveyor-General, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, shall fix the annual rent at per square mile, subject to the same conditions as land under Pastoral Acts.

Repeal and sub-
stituted section.

6. Sections 3 and 12 of "The Closer Settlement Act, 1897," hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act," are hereby repealed, and the next two succeeding sections are substituted in lieu thereof, and shall be incorporated and read with the said Act.

Land re-purchased,
how dealt with.
3/688/97.

7. All land re-purchased under the principal Act shall be dealt with as follows:—

To be cut into blocks
not exceeding £2,000
unimproved value.

(a) The land, except such portions as may be required for dedication or reservation for public purposes or for towns, shall be cut up into blocks not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds in unimproved value:

Blocks with valuable
improvements or suit-
able for pastoral pur-
poses not to exceed
£4,000.

(b) Where, in cutting up any re-purchased land, improvements to a large value would necessarily be included in one or more blocks, and the value of such improvements would be out of proportion to the value of the blocks if the limitation of Two Thousand Pounds unimproved value were not exceeded, the block or blocks on which such valuable improvements are situated, or where the land is suitable only for pastoral purposes, may exceed Two Thousand Pounds, but not Four Thousand Pounds, in unimproved value:

To be taken up on
perpetual lease.

(c) The blocks shall be offered as open to be taken up on perpetual lease under the Crown Lands Acts, but subject to the provisions of the principal Act.

Conditions as to value
of holdings and
transfer.

8. No lease shall be granted under the principal Act to any person who is already the holder of land of the unimproved value of Two Thousand Pounds, or who would thereby become the holder of land exceeding such value, and no transfer of any lease granted under this Act shall be permitted except on the recommendation of the Land Board for the district and with the consent of the Commissioner, and no such recommendation or consent shall be given to any transfer in favor of any lessee or owner of land who would thereby become the holder of land exceeding Two Thousand Pounds of unimproved value.

Loans to be repaid by
annual instalments.

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9. Section 6 of "The Blockholders Loans Act," being an Act numbered 515 of 1891, is hereby repealed, and the section immediately hereafter following is substituted in lieu thereof and shall be incorporated with such Act.

10. All

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10. All moneys advanced to any blockholder shall by him be repaid to the Commissioner by twenty equal annual instalments, the first of such annual instalments to be paid at the expiration of twelve months from the date of such advance; and, at the option of the blockholder, any part of such moneys may be repaid at any earlier times than those mentioned in this section. Moneys, how repaid.

11. The lessee of any lands leased under "The Ostrich Farming Act, 1882," who has complied with the covenants contained in his lease may purchase the fee-simple of such lands at any time during the currency of such lease after the expiration of the first six years, and upon payment of the purchase-money the Governor may issue to such lessee a grant of the fee-simple of such lands. Right of purchase of ostrich leases.

12. The provisions of "The Taxation Acts Amendment Act, 1900," shall apply to all lands the rent or purchase-money of which shall be reduced under this Act. Provisions of Act 734 of 1900 to apply to this Act.

13. All reductions heretofore granted by the Commissioner under assumed authority of any Act are hereby validated, although the time for applying for or making the same may have expired before the making thereof. Validating reductions.

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

TENNYSON, Governor.