WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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GEORGII QUINTI REGIS,

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No. 54 of 1912.

AN ACT to further amend the Agricultural Bank Act, 1906.

[Assented to 30th December, 1912.]

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 Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Agricultural Bank Act Amendment Act*, 1912, and shall be read as one with the Agricultural Bank Act, 1906, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act. Short title.

2. Section sixteen of the principal Act, as amended by the Agricultural Bank Act Amendment Act, 1911, is further amended by striking out the words " three million pounds," and inserting in place thereof " three million five hundred thousand pounds." Amendment of sec. 16.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act to the contrary, whenever an advance is hereafter made by the Bank for any purpose other than effecting improvements on the borrower's land— Interest on and re-payment of advances otherwise than for improvements.

    (*a.*) the interest shall be at the rate of six pounds per centum per annum; and

(*b.*) the advance, with interest at the rate aforesaid, shall be repaid by the borrower to the Bank by half-yearly instalments within such period, not exceeding twenty-five years, as the trustees may, in their discretion, think fit

Funds appropriated by Parliament.

4. (1.) Section twenty-one of the principal Act shall only apply to income arising from the investment of funds raised by the issue of mortgage bonds.

(2.) All moneys appropriated by Parliament to the purposes of the principal Act shall be placed to the credit of a fund distinct from that into which moneys raised by the issue of mortgage bonds are paid, and all securities for advances made by the Bank shall state from which fund the money advanced has been drawn.

(3.) The interest on and contributions, at a rate to be prescribed by the Colonial Treasurer, to the sinking fund for the redemption of moneys appropriated by Parliament to the purposes of the principal Act shall be defrayed by the Bank out of the principal and interest paid by the mortgagors to whom advances have been made out of moneys so appropriated.

(4.) Notwithstanding anything contained in section twenty-one of the principal Act, a part of each year's expenses of the maintenance and administration of the Bank shall be paid out of the income of the Bank derived during the year from advances made out of moneys appropriated by Parliament to the purposes of the principal Act, and such part shall bear the same ratio to the total of the year's expenses as the total of such advances outstanding at the end of such year bears to the total then outstanding of all the advances made by the Bank.

Mortgage bonds may be exchanged for inscribed stock or debentures.

5. (1.) The Governor is hereby authorised to issue to the holders of mortgage bonds, in the manner prescribed by and subject to the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Act, 1910, inscribed stock or debentures in exchange for mortgage bonds of an equivalent amount issued under the principal Act: Provided that all mortgage bonds received in exchange for inscribed stock or debentures shall be forthwith cancelled by the Colonial Treasurer.

(2.) On an exchange being effected under this section, the amount to be carried to the credit of the redemption account under section twenty-one of the principal Act shall be a part of the moneys required by such section to be applied to the purpose, duly apportioned to the balance of the mortgage bonds outstanding after such exchange.

(3.) Interest on and contributions at a rate to be prescribed by the Colonial Treasurer to a sinking fund for the redemption of such inscribed stock or debentures shall be paid by the Bank to the Colonial Treasurer half-yearly and applied by the Colonial Treasurer to recoup the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of such interest and contributions.