INSPECTION OF SCAFFOLDING.

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No. 14 of 1950.

AN ACT to amend the Inspection of Scaffolding Act, 1924-1945.

[Assented to 17th November, 1950.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:----

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Inspection* of Scaffolding Act Amendment Act, 1950, and shall be read as one with the Inspection of Scaffolding Act, 1924-1945 (Act No. 39 of 1924 as reprinted with amendments to and including Act No. 45 of 1938 incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the Amendments Incorporation Act, 1938 in Volume I of the Reprinted Acts of the Parliament of Western Australia, 1939, and further amended by Act No. 4 of 1945), hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. The principal Act as amended by this Act, may Citation of principal Act be cited as the Inspection of Scaffolding Act, 1924-1950

Commencement.

3. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

s. 27 amended 4. Section twenty-seven of the principal Act is amended by-

- (a) repealing subsection (1);
- (b) substituting for all words in lines one, two, three and four of subsection (2) the following:—

The Governor may make regulations prescribing all forms, fees and matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed or are convenient for carrying into operation or for facilitating the operation of this Act and in particular without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power may make regulations;

- (c) adding after the paragraph designation,
 (d) in subsection (2), the word, "Prescribing";
- (d) deleting paragraph (i);
- (e) adding after paragraph (i) the following subsection:—

(3) (a) The regulations may enable an inspector to—

- (i) direct that gear shall be used and scaffolding shall be constructed in such manner as in his opinion is necessary to render scaffolding safe;
- (ii) approve of the dimensions and manner of use of foot planks;
- (iii) approve of hardwood timber for use as putlogs;
- (iv) direct how and where putlogs may be placed;
- (v) direct how and where bracing may be placed;

- (vi) direct where the use of brick blocking or casks is permitted and the manner in which they may be used in or for any part of scaffolding;
- (vii) direct how the hangers of a swinging stage shall be fitted;
- (viii) approve the plans and specifications of gantries proposed to be erected;
 - (ix) direct the manner in which gantries shall be erected;
 - (x) approve of timber for planking for large stages upon ships in dock or upon slips as an alternative to Oregon pine;
 - (xi) direct the boarding-over of well holes, staircases, lifts and by fixing of guard-rails down all stairs and across landings and well holes or the adoption of means for the protection of workmen and others working in or about a building in the course of erection, repair or alteration;
- (xii) direct the use of gear or scaffolding other than that specifically provided for in the regulations;
- (xiii) approve of the fittings and devices used in connecting the various members of scaffolding constructed of metal tubes;
- (xiv) approve of species of Australian hardwood timber as an alternative to Oregon pine platform planks used in connection with scaffolding constructed of metal tubes;
- (xv) direct the places in which abstracts of sections of the Act shall be affixed and maintained in any premises.

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(b) The regulations may prohibit the use of a thing as gear or in or for any part of scaffolding absolutely or otherwise than in manner prescribed where in the opinion of an inspector that use would, notwithstanding compliance with the requirements of other regulations made pursuant to the provisions of this section, render scaffolding unsafe.

(c) The regulations may prohibit the erection of a gantry until plans and specifications for its erection shall first have been approved by an inspector;

(f) adding before the word, "The" in the second last line, the letter "d" in brackets thus—(d).

The Schedule repealed.

5. The Schedule to the principal Act is repealed.