

LAND ACT AMENDMENT.

10° GEO. V., No. L.

No. 62 of 1919.

AN ACT to further amend the Land Act, 1898.

[Assented to 17th December, 1919.]

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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Land Act Amendment Act*, 1919, and shall be read as one with the Land Act, 1898, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, and the Acts amending the same.

Discount for
payment of
purchase
money in
advance.

2. If a lessee under section fifty-five, fifty-six, or sixty-eight of the Land Act, 1898, shall pay the balance of the purchase money payable under his lease in advance of the half-yearly instalments thereof, he shall be allowed such rebate as shall reduce the amount paid to a sum equal to the present value of the instalments of purchase money to fall due under the lease, calculated actuarially on a five per cent. basis.

Cost of survey.

3. (1.) Section eight of the Land Act Amendment Act, 1905, as amended by the Land Act Amendment Act, 1909, is hereby further amended by adding to the first paragraph thereof the following:—

Provided that the Minister may, in his discretion, refuse to effect the survey of any land for a lessee or proposed lessee unless the lessee or proposed lessee pays the full cost of survey in advance:

Provided, also, that if a lease is surrendered or forfeited the cost of the survey, or the unpaid balance thereof, shall, if so directed by the Minister, be payable to the Minister forthwith by the person in whom the lease was vested at the date of the surrender or forfeiture.

4. (1.) When after the granting of any conditional purchase lease any road running through or across or abutting on any portion of the land comprised therein has been closed, the Minister may, by an order under his hand, direct that such road shall be included in the land comprised in the lease.

Inclusion of closed roads in adjoining land held under conditional purchase lease.

(2.) Every such order shall have effect according to its tenor, and every alteration and entry or memorial necessary to give effect to any such order shall be made in and on the lease instrument in the Office of Titles or the Department of Lands and Surveys, free of charge.

5. After the commencement of this Act—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, or in any Act amending the same, the Minister may, in his absolute discretion, refuse to approve of the transfer of any Crown lands under Part X. of the principal Act to any company incorporated after the commencement of this Act;

Transfer of pastoral leases to companies.

(2) For the purpose of this section the Minister may require any director, shareholder, or officer of any such company to make one or more statutory declarations containing such information as the Minister deems necessary to enable the Minister to exercise his discretion as aforesaid.
