

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1434.

[6th March, 1896.]

<p>1. This Act may be cited as the <i>Vermin-proof Fences Advances Act</i> 1896, and shall be read as one Act with the <i>Vermin Destruction Act</i> 1890, and such Act and this Act may be cited together as the <i>Vermin Destruction Acts</i>.</p>	<p>Short title and construction. No. 1153.</p>
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2. Pursuant to the provisions of Part II. of the *Vermyn Destruction Act* 1890 the Governor in Council may out of any trust funds or moneys under the control of the Treasurer of Victoria grant as loans to shires for the purposes specified in section forty-seven of such Act, such sums as may be necessary not exceeding in the whole the amount of Fifty thousand pounds.

Power to grant loans to shires for vermin-proof fencing &c.
No. 1153.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the *Vermin Destruction Act* 1890, it is hereby enacted that in the month of May in each and every year every shire which receives a loan under this

Councils to pay
3 per cent interest
on loans.
(S. 61.)

this Act shall out of any interest received by such shire as hereinafter provided or out of its municipal fund pay to the Treasurer of Victoria on such loan or on so much thereof as is unpaid interest at the rate of Three pounds per centum per annum from the time or times of receiving such loan whether in one amount or in instalments.

Treasurer to deduct overdue instalment of advance before paying endowment &c. to borrowing shire.

See No. 1398 s. 5.

4. Where any shire receives a loan under this Act and fails to pay any instalment thereof pursuant to Part II. of the *Vermin Destruction Act* 1890 and the Order in Council granting such loan or to pay interest thereon as hereinbefore provided, the Treasurer of Victoria shall not pay to such shire any moneys in his hands which may at any time be or become by virtue of any Act payable by him to such shire on account of fees fines penalties or equivalent of licence-fees or any half-yearly moiety of any endowment payable to such shire until he shall have first deducted therefrom so much money as together with any payments received from such shire in part repayment of such loan or for interest thereon shall amount to the total sum which should have been paid by such shire up to the date of such deduction pursuant to the said Part II. and the said Order in Council and this Act.

Deductions and repayments on account of loans to be credited to trust fund.

See No. 1398 s. 6.

5. All sums (other than for interest) so deducted pursuant to the foregoing section or repaid as provided in section sixty-one of the *Vermin Destruction Act* 1890 shall be paid by the Treasurer of Victoria to the credit of the trust fund or money from which the loan was made, and all sums deducted by or paid to the Treasurer for interest shall form part of the consolidated revenue.

This Part ancillary to Part II. of No. 1153.

6. Subject to the next following section this Act shall not take away or lessen the force of or be substituted for or alter any of the provisions of Part II. of the *Vermin Destruction Act* 1890 with regard to the enforcement of the repayment by a shire of any loan granted to such shire under the said Part, but shall be ancillary to the provisions of the said Act.

Application of Part II. of No. 1153.

7. In respect of all loans granted to shires under the provisions of this Act all repayments shall be made to the Treasurer of Victoria, and the Treasurer shall have and exercise all rights powers and duties which by Part II. of the *Vermin Destruction Act* 1890 are conferred or imposed upon the Secretary for Lands.

Limit of assistance to any one owner, and interest payable by him.

8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the *Vermin Destruction Act* 1890—

- (a) it shall not be lawful for the council of any shire which receives a loan under this Act to furnish or offer to furnish to any owner of land materials for wire-netting or other rabbit-proof or vermin-proof fencing to a greater extent than is sufficient for four lineal miles of fencing ; and
- (b) every

- (b) every owner of land who receives any such materials from a shire shall from the time of receiving the same pay to such shire interest at the rate of Three pounds per centum per annum on the amount of the value of such materials or on so much thereof as shall be unpaid. Such interest shall be payable in the month of February in each and every year, and if default is made in paying the same the amount thereof may be recovered and enforced by the municipality in a summary way or by action in any court of competent jurisdiction from the owner for the time being of such land or any part thereof.

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