

Acquisition of
lands by
company.

49. Any company authorized under this Act may acquire land by purchase or lease for improvement by irrigation, and shall dispose thereof within fifteen years after its acquisition, otherwise such land shall revert to the Crown; excepting however such lands as are actually under cultivation or are being used for farming, gardening, stock-raising, dairying, horticulture, tree-planting and forestry: Provided that the lands so excepted do not comprise more than ten per cent of the total area of land brought under irrigation by the company. 5

Company may
construct
telegraph and
telephone
lines, etc.

50. Any company authorized under this Act may for the purposes of its undertaking construct or acquire electric telegraph and telephone lines or any other contrivances for the transmission of messages through or along wires, rods, tubes or other appliances, and may acquire any land necessary for the construction and operation of such lines or contrivances, and the lands necessary to be taken and acquired for this purpose may be acquired under the provisions of section 21 of this Act. 10 15

General
powers of
minister.

51. The minister may—
Define the manner in which the measure of water shall be arrived at; 20

Define the duty of water according to locality and soil;

Define the portion of the year during which water shall be supplied for irrigation;

Fix the fee or charge to be paid for licenses issued under this Act,—which fees or charges may be varied according to the capital employed or volume of water diverted; 25

Regulate the extent of diversion from rivers, streams, lakes or other waters;

Regulate the passage of logs, timber and other products of the forests through or over any dams or other works erected in rivers, streams, lakes and other waters under the authority of this Act; 30

Regulate from time to time the water rates which may be charged by licensees, and the publication of tariffs of rates; 35

Prescribe forms to be used in proceedings under this Act;

Impose penalties for violations of any regulation made under the authority of this Act,—which penalties shall in no case exceed a fine of two hundred dollars or three months' imprisonment, or both; 40

Regulate the manner in which water is to be supplied to persons entitled thereto, whether continuously or at stated intervals, or under both systems;

Authorize some person or officer, whose decision shall be final and without appeal, to decide in cases of dispute as to what constitutes surplus water as mentioned in this Act; 45

Make such orders as are deemed necessary, from time to time, to carry out the provisions of this Act according to their true intent, or to meet any cases which arise and for which no provision is made in this Act; and further, make any regulations which are considered necessary to give the provisions of this Act full effect. 50

Publication of
Orders in
Council.

52. All regulations made and forms prescribed by the minister under this Act shall be published in the *Canada*