

SASKATCHEWAN ENGINEERS DRAFT BILL FOR PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

AT the forthcoming session of the Saskatchewan Legislature, a bill will probably be introduced for the purpose of "closing the profession" within that province. A rough draft of the proposed bill has been prepared by the legislative committee of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and has been sent to other branches of the Institute for discussion and suggestions.

"It should be recognized," says Carl P. Richard, chairman of the legislative committee of the Saskatchewan Branch, "that this draft is admittedly incomplete; the time at the disposal of the committee appointed was very limited and its members are aware that certain sections are capable of improvement and others are yet required.

"For instance, a section defining the conditions under which candidates should be admitted is needed. But this and other points, it is hoped, will be brought out in the discussions by the various branches.

"With regard to section 11, subsections (d) and (e), it should be noted that the aim is to compel such engineers to join the provincial institute and qualify under the residence clauses, hence the limitation of the permit to one year only.

"It is hoped to get this bill into such shape that it can be brought up at the forthcoming session of the Saskatchewan Legislature, and, as uniformity of provincial legislation along these lines is desirable, the Saskatchewan Branch would be glad to have any suggestions or draft bills from the other western branches as soon as possible."

Following is the text of the act drafted by Mr. Richard and the other members of his committee:—

Text of the Draft Act

His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:—

Short Title

1.—This Act may be cited as "The Engineering Profession Act."

Interpretation

2.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:—

(a)—"Engineer" means any person registered under the provisions of this Act and qualified to practise as an Engineer in Saskatchewan.

(b)—"The Institute" means the Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan.

(c)—"Council" means the Executive Council of the Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan.

(d)—"Chairman" means the Chairman of the said Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan, or the officer presiding for the time being at any general meeting of the Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan.

(e)—"Registrar" means the Secretary-Treasurer and Registrar of the Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan.

(f)—"Board" means the Board of Examiners.

3.—An Engineer in the meaning of this Act is a person equipped with that species of knowledge which qualifies him in the art of economically directing the great sources of power in nature for the use and convenience of man as exemplified in the design and construction of roads, bridges, towns, cities and railways; telephone, telegraph, light and power systems; power

machinery, mining, metallurgical and chemical plants; drawing, planning and laying out of rural and urban settlements; sanitary disposal of human and trade wastes; collection, storage, purification and distribution of public water supplies; fire protection of villages, towns and cities; training and control of rivers, lakes and natural resources; methods of financing the preparation, adoption and construction of all public works; and who is registered under this Act and qualified to practise as an Engineer in Saskatchewan.

The Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan

4.—The Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan hereby incorporated is the Saskatchewan Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada heretofore incorporated (See Session of 1918 Dominion House), under the name and style of The Engineering Institute of Canada, and all Corporate Members of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and of the Canadian Mining Institute upon being duly registered as hereinafter provided, and all other persons who shall hereafter be duly registered shall while so registered be members of and form the Engineering Institute of Saskatchewan, and the said Institute shall be a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and common seal.

5.—The Institute shall have power to acquire and hold real estate and to alienate, mortgage, lease, or otherwise charge or dispose of such real estate or any part thereof as occasion may require; and all fees, fines and penalties receivable and recoverable under this Act shall belong to the Institute.

By-Laws

6.—The Institute may pass by-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, for:—

(a)—The government, discipline and honor of its members;

(b)—The management of its property;

(c)—The maintenance of the Institute by levying contributions or otherwise;

(d)—The examination and admission of candidates for the practise of the profession.

(e)—All other purposes reasonably necessary for the management and working of the Institute.

(f)—All by-laws or changes thereto shall be prepared by the Council, and shall, before becoming effective, except as hereinafter provided, be ratified by two-thirds majority of the members of the Institute in good standing.

(g)—Provided, however, that the Institute at any annual or special meeting may pass resolutions for the guidance of the Council in the preparation of the by-laws, which resolution may be either imperative or advisory, or both, and any by-law prepared and passed by the Council in accordance therewith and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall become effective on the passing thereof or according to the terms and conditions recited therein.

Executive Council

7.—(a)—There shall be an executive council for the management of the Institute to consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, registrar and five councillors, to be elected and hold office as hereinafter provided.

(b)—A chairman shall be elected yearly, and he shall act as presiding officer at all meetings of the Executive Council and Institute; voting only when the votes are evenly divided. He shall countersign all certificates, cheques and official documents of the Institute. On re-