

Application. **3.** This Act shall apply to the North-West Territories, except the provisional districts of Yukon, Mackenzie, Franklin and Ungava.

Right to use waters. **4.** The property in and the right to the use of all the water at any time in any river, stream, watercourse, lake, creek, ravine, cañon, lagoon, swamp, marsh or other body of water shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be vested in the Crown, unless and until and except only so far as some right therein, or to the use thereof, inconsistent with the right of the Crown, and which is not a public right or a right common to the public, is established; and, save in the exercise of any legal right existing at the time of such diversion or use, no person shall divert or use any water from any river, stream, watercourse, lake, creek, ravine, cañon, lagoon, swamp, marsh or other body of water, otherwise than under the provisions of this Act.

Rights of grantee of Crown lands. **5.** Except in pursuance of some agreement or undertaking existing at the time of the passing of this Act, no grant shall be hereafter made by the Crown of lands or of any estate, in such terms as to vest in the grantee any exclusive or other property or interest in or any exclusive right or privilege with respect to any lake, river, stream or other body of water, or in or with respect to the water contained or flowing therein, or the land forming the bed or shore thereof.

Right to use waters may be acquired only under this Act. **6.** After the passing of this Act, no right to the permanent diversion or to the exclusive use of the water in any river, stream, watercourse, lake, creek, ravine, cañon, lagoon, swamp, marsh or other body of water, shall be acquired by any riparian owner or any other person by length of use or otherwise than as it may be acquired or conferred under the provisions of this Act unless it is acquired by a grant made in pursuance of some agreement or undertaking existing at the time of the passing of this Act.

Persons already holding right must obtain license. **7.** Every company or person who holds water rights of a class similar to those which may be acquired under this Act, or who, with or without authority, has constructed or is operating works for the utilization of water, shall obtain a license under this Act before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

If license is not obtained within stated time. **2.** If such license is obtained with the time limited, the exercise of such rights may thereafter be continued, and such works may be carried on under the provisions of this Act, otherwise such rights or works, and all the interest of such person therein, shall without any demand or proceeding be absolutely forfeited to Her Majesty and may be disposed of or dealt with as the Governor in Council sees fit.

Application for license. **3.** Except in case of applications for water for domestic purposes, as hereinafter provided, the applications for such license shall be made in the same manner as for other licenses under this Act and the like proceedings shall be had thereon and like information furnished in connection therewith.

Application for water rights which **8.** Any water the property in which is vested in the Crown may be acquired, for domestic, irrigation, or other purposes,