

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The object of this bill is to amend the existing law having to do with the exportation of electric power from Canada. At present this is governed by the provisions of the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act, chapter 54 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, and under that act the governor in council has authority to issue a license providing for the export of electric power from Canada. The effect of this bill is to provide that a license shall only issue by the authority of parliament, and on such terms as may be determined by parliament. The necessary amendments to the existing act are included in this bill, and there is an express provision that nothing contained in this bill shall be deemed in any way to affect the rights of the provinces in connection with electric power.

The Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act which is amended by this Bill reads as follows:—(The words underlined are struck out).

“CHAPTER 54.

An Act to regulate the Exportation of Electric Power and certain Liquids and Gases.

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act.

INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) “export” and “exportation” mean,
 - (i) when used with reference to electrical power or energy, respectively export and exportation from Canada by lines of wire or other conductor,
 - (ii) when used with reference to petroleum, natural gas, water or other fluid, whether liquid or gaseous, capable of being exported, respectively export and exportation from Canada through pipe lines or other like contrivances;
 - (b) “fluid” means petroleum, natural gas, water or other fluid, whether liquid or gaseous, capable of being exported by means of pipe lines or other like contrivances, and produced in Canada;
 - (c) “power” means electrical power or energy produced in Canada.
3. The Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act for giving effect to the object and intention thereof, and by such regulations may impose fees to be paid thereunder by applicants for licenses or others.
 2. Such regulations shall be laid before Parliament within fifteen days after the making thereof, or, if Parliament is not then in session, within fifteen days after the opening of the next session thereof.
4. The Governor in Council may, by proclamation published in the *Canada Gazette*.
 - (a) impose export duties, not exceeding ten dollars per annum per horse power, upon power exported from Canada, or not exceeding ten cents per thousand cubic feet on fluid exported from Canada, and such duties shall be chargeable accordingly after the publication of such proclamation;
 - (b) from time to time remove or re-impose such duties or vary the amount thereof;
 - (c) exempt from the payment of such duties such persons as comply with the direction of the Governor in Council with regard to the quantity of power or fluid to be supplied by such persons for distribution to customers for use in Canada.