FORESTRY BUREAU.

No. 16 of 1930.

An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Forestry Bureau.

[Assented to 18th July, 1930.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Forestry Bureau Act 1930.

Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

Definitions.

"the Bureau" means the Forestry Bureau;

"the Fund" means the Forestry Fund established by this Act;

- "the Inspector-General" means the Inspector-General of Forests;
- "the Territories" means the Territory for the Seat of Government, Central Australia, North Australia, Papua, Norfolk Island and New Guinea;
- "the trustees" means the trustees appointed by this Act.

Establishment of Forestry Bureau and appointment of officers

- 3.—(1.) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a Forestry Bureau.
- (2.) The Forestry Bureau shall be under the charge of the Inspector-General of Forests who shall, subject to the direction of the Minister, be charged with the administration of this Act.
- (3.) The Inspector-General and all permanent officers required for the purpose of this Act shall be appointed under, and be subject to, the provisions of the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922–1928.

Powers and functions of Bureau.

- 4. The powers and functions of the Bureau shall, subject to the regulations and the directions of the Minister, be—
 - (a) advising the Administrations of the Territories on all matters pertaining to the management of forests;
 - (b) the management of forests placed under its control by the Governor-General;
 - (c) the establishment of experimental stations for the study of sylviculture, forest management and forest protection;
 - (d) the provision of educational facilities for the training of professional foresters;
 - (e) the establishment and awarding of forestry scholarships;
 - (f) the collection and distribution of forestry information;
 - (g) the publication of reports and bulletins dealing with forestry; and
 - (h) such other functions as are prescribed.

Establishment of Fund.

5. For the purposes of this Act there shall be a fund which shall be known as "The Forestry Fund".

Control of Fund.

6. The Fund shall be vested in and placed under the control of the trustees.

Trustees.

7. The Inspector-General, the Secretary to the Department of the Treasury and the Secretary to the Department of Home Affairs shall be the trustees of the Fund.

Constitution of

- 8. The Fund shall consist of-
 - (a) donations contributed for the furtherance of forestry; and
 - (b) any other money or property received by the trustees for the purposes of the Fund.

9. The trustees may—

investment of

- (a) invest any moneys standing to the credit of the Fund in securities of the Commonwealth or on deposit in the Commonwealth Bank or in the Commonwealth Savings Bank; and
- (b) convert into money any securities forming part of the Fund.
- 10. Moneys standing to the credit of the Fund may be applied Application of Fund. for the furtherance of forestry in such manner as the Minister, on the recommendation of the trustees, approves.

11.—(1.) The Inspector-General may receive any donations contributed for the furtherance of forestry.

- (2.) Any donations so received by the Inspector-General shall be paid by him into the Fund.
- 12. All books and accounts kept by the trustees shall be Audit. audited from time to time by the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth who shall make a report of each audit to the Minister.
- 13. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent Regulations. with this Act, prescribing all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed. for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing such additional powers and functions of the Bureau as he deems desirable.