

1908.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1^o 25 September, 1908.*(Brought in by the Attorney-General, the Honorable L. E. Groom.)*

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

Relating to the Australian Bureau of
Agriculture.

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 *Bureau of Agriculture Act 1908*. Short title.
- 5 2. There shall be a Bureau of Agriculture to be called the Australian Bureau of Agriculture. Bureau of
Agriculture.
Cf. 52-3 Vic.
c. 30, s. 1.
Can. 1906 c. 67.
U.S. Rev. Stat.
s. 520.
3. The Bureau of Agriculture may, subject to the regulations and to the directions of the Minister, be charged with any of the following functions:—
- 10 (a) the acquisition and diffusion among the people of the Commonwealth of information connected with agriculture, dairying, horticulture, viticulture, live stock and forestry:
- (b) the collection, propagation, and distribution of new and valuable seeds and plants:
- 15 (c) the carrying out of experiments and investigations:
- (d) the investigation of pests or diseases affecting plants or live stock, and the means for preventing their spread or effecting their eradication:
- 20 (e) the publication of reports of the experiments of experimental farms: Functions of
Bureau.
Cf. 52-3 Vic.
c. 30, s. 2. (f) the

(f) the publication of reports and bulletins dealing with any matter of importance in regard to production in Australia : and

(g) such other functions as are prescribed.

Arrangements
with the
States.

4. An arrangement may be made with the Government of any State in respect of all or any of the following matters :— 5

(a) the carrying out of experiments and investigations :

(b) the supply and distribution of information :

(c) the exchange and distribution of seeds and plants : and

(d) any matters conducing to the development in Australia of the agricultural, pastoral, dairying, horticultural, and viticultural industries and forestry. 10

Annual report.

5. The Minister shall cause to be prepared for presentation to Parliament once in each year a report on the condition of the agricultural, pastoral, dairying, horticultural, and viticultural industries and forestry in Australia, and the nature of the work done by the Bureau during the preceding year. 15

Regulations.

6. The Governor-General may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters and things which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for giving effect to or carrying out this Act. 20