

The Committee of Council submit for the consideration of
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor a Bill intituled

An Act to amend the "Land Act."

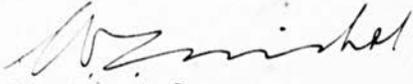
and advise that the same be transmitted by Message to the
Legislative Assembly.

Victoria, Third day of December, A.D. 1923.

John Oliver.
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

Approved this Third day of December, A.D. 1923.

W. Mitchell
Lieutenant-Governor.


Lieutenant-Governor.

HON. MINISTER OF LANDS.

BILL.

No. 40.]

[1923.

An Act to amend the "Land Act."

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

R.S.B.C. 1911, c.
129; 1912, c. 16;
1912, c. 17, s. 143;
1912, c. 41, s. 2;
1913, c. 35; 1914,
c. 44; 1915, c. 34;
1917, c. 35; 1918, c.
43; 1919, c. 42;
1920, c. 42; 1921,
c. 27; 1921 (2nd
Sess.), c. 24.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1923." Short title.

2. Section 44 of the "Land Act," being chapter 129 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," is amended by striking out all the words in the last sentence of the section, and substituting therefor the following:— Amends s. 44.

"The balance of the purchase-money shall be paid not later than eight months from the date of notification to the applicant that the land is open for sale, or, in case an extension of time has been granted for completion of the survey, the balance shall be paid forthwith after the expiration of notice of acceptance of the survey."

3. Section 70 of said chapter 129 is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:— Re-enacts s. 70.

"70. (1.) Where a purchaser of lands from the Crown under any provision of this Act or any former Act is in default with respect to any payment or part thereof due on account of the lands so purchased, the Minister may cause a notice to be sent by registered mail, addressed to the purchaser at his last-known address, requiring payment to the Minister of the amount due; and in default of payment in full of the amount due within three months from the mailing of the notice, the Minister may cancel all records and agreements respecting the sale of the lands; and thereupon all rights of the



purchaser, and of all persons claiming through or under him, in and to the lands, and all moneys paid on account thereof, and all improvements made or placed on the lands shall be absolutely forfeited to the Crown.

"(2.) Where under subsection (1) the right of the purchaser in or to any town or city lot or land within the site or suburb of a town has become forfeited, then, on the resale of that lot or land under this Act, the Minister may fix the upset price of the lot or land at an amount sufficient to cover the value of any improvements made thereon by the former purchaser, and may out of the purchase-money received on the resale pay to the former purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns, an amount equal to the value of improvements so covered, or such part of that value as the Minister may think proper."

Amends s. 71.

4. Section 71 of said chapter 129 is amended by adding thereto the following clause:—

"(c.) For any industrial or other special purpose, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years."

Amends s. 129.

5. Section 129 of said chapter 129 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

"(2.) Where lands granted under this section are afterwards subdivided in conjunction with the adjoining lands of the same owner, the whole lands shall be treated as one parcel for the purpose of the reconveyances to the Crown pursuant to sections 63 and 64."