



## CHAPTER xvii.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Management of the Imperial Institute. A.D. 1925.

[28th May 1925.]

**W**HEREAS by the Imperial Institute (Transfer) Act 1902 (hereinafter called "the Act of 1902") as amended by the Imperial Institute (Management) Act 1916 (hereinafter called "the Act of 1916") the management of the Imperial Institute is carried on under the Secretary of State for the Colonies by an Executive Council constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1916 for the purposes mentioned in the Act of 1902 and such other similar purposes as the Secretary of State for the Colonies may determine having regard to the commercial industrial and educational interests of the Empire:

2 Edw. 7.  
c. cxxxix.  
6 & 7 Geo. 5.  
c. 8.

And whereas the Imperial Institute Building and the Endowment Fund mentioned in the Act of 1902 are vested in a body of trustees called the Imperial Institute Trustees and the income of the said fund is payable by the said trustees to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Imperial Institute Building is under his management:

And whereas various other property rights obligations debts or liabilities in connection with the Imperial Institute have become the property rights obligations debts or liabilities of the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

And whereas by Royal Charter dated the twelfth day of June nineteen hundred and nineteen a body was

A.D. 1925. — incorporated by the name of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau for the purposes mentioned in the Charter :

And whereas the future of the Imperial Institute and of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau was discussed at an Imperial Economic Conference held in London in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three :

And whereas certain resolutions were adopted at that Conference recommending to the Governments represented thereon the amalgamation of the above bodies the making of further arrangements in regard to the management of the amalgamated body and annual contributions towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute for a period of five years out of moneys provided by Parliament of nine thousand pounds by the Governments of the self-governing Dominions and India of eight thousand pounds and by the Governments of the Colonies and Protectorates of eight thousand pounds :

And whereas it is desirable to empower the governing body hereinafter constituted of the Imperial Institute in co-operation with the Governments represented at that Conference or such of them as for the time being may be making contributions for the purpose to maintain in the Exhibition Galleries of the Imperial Institute exhibitions illustrative of the resources and development of the Empire to accept and expend any additional contributions towards the maintenance of such galleries and exhibitions which may be provided by Parliament and the other Governments aforesaid for that purpose and where practicable to organise from time to time temporary exhibitions of a similar nature elsewhere :

And whereas it is desirable to make provision that certain accommodation in the Imperial Institute building which has been allocated to the use of the Northbrook Society shall continue to be used for Indian purposes :

And whereas for enabling effect to be given to the said recommendations and purposes it is expedient that the provisions hereinafter contained should have effect :

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this

present Parliament assembled and by the authority of A.D. 1925.  
the same as follows:—

1. With a view to the reconstitution of the Imperial Institute and the amalgamation therewith of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau the Acts of 1902 and 1916 are hereby repealed and the said Charter is hereby revoked and the corporation established by the said Charter is hereby dissolved. Provided that the repeal of the Acts of 1902 and 1916 shall not apply to the provisions of those Acts relating to the incorporation or powers of the Imperial Institute Trustees.

Repeal of  
Acts and  
revocation  
of Charter.

2.—(1) The Imperial Institute Trustees shall hereafter consist of the persons who for the time being are Lord President of the Council the First Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury the Secretary of State for India the President of the Board of Trade the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade (Development and Intelligence) (hereinafter referred to as "the responsible Minister") and of three other persons having colonial financial or commercial experience appointed by the responsible Minister after consultation with the Governor of the Bank of England and the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

Imperial  
Institute  
Trustees.

(2) The Imperial Institute Trustees shall hold the Imperial Institute Building and the Endowment Fund and all other property for the time being vested in them for the purposes of this Act or for any of those purposes to which the same may be applicable.

(3) The Imperial Institute Trustees may invest any money constituting capital of the Endowment Fund or other money for the time being vested in them in any securities in which trustees may for the time being invest under the Trustee Act 1893 and the Acts amending that Act.

56 & 57 Vict.  
c. 53.

(4) The Imperial Institute Trustees may if requested by the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade (Development and Intelligence) with the consent of the Board of Governors hereinafter constituted sell lease or otherwise dispose of any real or personal estate held by them and apply any proceeds for the purpose of carrying out the objects of this Act or any of those objects to which the property disposed of was applicable but in

A.D. 1925. — the case of the proceeds of sale only in a manner in which capital money is properly applicable.

Transfer of property to Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade.

3. All property real or personal all rights and obligations and all debts or liabilities which at the commencement of this Act are the property rights obligations debts or liabilities of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in pursuance of the Acts of 1902 and 1916 or of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau under the said Charter shall become the property rights obligations debts or liabilities of the responsible Minister and the responsible Minister for the time being shall have any powers necessary to enable him to hold any such property.

Application of property.

4.—(1) The Imperial Institute Building or so much thereof as is not for the time being leased or otherwise disposed of shall be used and all property transferred to the responsible Minister under this Act and the income of the Endowment Fund and all sums received by the responsible Minister in respect of the exercise of any of his powers and duties under this Act shall be used and applied by the responsible Minister so far as practicable in carrying out the purposes of the Imperial Institute set forth in the First Schedule to this Act so however that any property transferred from the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau which was given to that bureau shall be applied to the purposes for which it was so given.

(2) The responsible Minister shall receive and hold any sums of money or property given or entrusted to him for any purpose for which property transferred to him under this Act may be used and shall apply any such sums of money or property for the purposes for which they are so given or entrusted to him.

(3) The income of the Endowment Fund shall be paid over by the Imperial Institute Trustees to the responsible Minister and the Imperial Institute Building shall be under the management of the responsible Minister.

Powers of management.

5.—(1) The responsible Minister shall take such steps make such arrangements and employ such persons as he thinks necessary or expedient for carrying out his duties under this Act.

(2) There shall be established for the purpose of carrying on the management of the Imperial Institute under the responsible Minister a Board of Governors constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act.

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6. In the event of the accommodation in the Imperial Institute building allocated to the use of the Northbrook Society under an agreement dated the thirteenth day of December one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and made between the Imperial Institute and the said society ceasing at any time to be allocated to the use of the said society such accommodation shall if required for any Indian purpose approved by the Secretary of State for India be allocated for such purpose upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by agreement with the Board of Governors or in default of agreement by the Secretary of State for India.

Allocation of accommodation for Indian purposes.

7. There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament—

Contribution out of moneys provided by Parliament.

(1) in each year during the five years after the commencement of this Act a sum of nine thousand pounds towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute and thereafter such sum (if any) as Parliament may determine; and

(2) such additional sum (if any) towards the maintenance of exhibition galleries as Parliament may from time to time determine.

8. His Majesty in Council may if an agreement for the purpose is made with the Governments of the self-governing Dominions and India which for the time being are contributing towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute by Order in Council vary the provisions of this Act which—

Power to vary provisions of Act.

(a) prescribe the purposes of the Imperial Institute;

(b) regulate the management of the Imperial Institute;

(c) prescribe the constitution of the Board of Governors:

Provided that before a draft of any such Order is submitted to His Majesty in Council it shall be laid

A.D. 1925. before each House of Parliament for a period of  
— not less than twenty-one days during the session of  
Parliament.

Savings.

9. Nothing in this Act or in any such Order in Council shall affect—

(1) any existing rights of the University of London in or to any part of the Imperial Institute building;

(2) any provision which may have been made in pursuance of section five of the Act of 1902 for giving to life members of the corporation dissolved by that Act privileges similar to those enjoyed by them under the Charter revoked by that Act.

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tion.

10.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Imperial Institute Act 1925.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July nineteen hundred and twenty-five or such day as His Majesty in Council may by Order appoint and different days may be appointed for different purposes and different provisions of this Act.

(3) For the purposes of this Act the expression “self-governing Dominions” means the Dominion of Canada the Commonwealth of Australia the Dominion of New Zealand the Union of South Africa the Irish Free State and Newfoundland.

SCHEDULES.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

PURPOSES OF THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

1. To promote the commercial industrial and educational interests of the British Empire.
2. To collect and disseminate—
  - (a) information relating to possible uses of and markets for new raw materials or semi-manufactured products ;
  - (b) information relating to new uses of and markets for already known raw materials or semi-manufactured products ;
  - (c) information relating to sources production supplies cost consumption and requirements of raw materials and semi-manufactured products and legislation relating thereto ;
  - (d) information relating to the best means of increasing supplies or of creating new sources of supplies of such materials and products within the Empire ;
  - (e) information relating to the best means of treating such materials and products and of preparing them for marketing ;
  - (f) technical and scientific information bearing upon the industries of the British Empire.
3. To advise on the development of the resources of the Empire in raw materials in order that such resources may be made available for the purposes of industry and commerce and of Imperial defence.
4. To conduct in the laboratories of the Institute preliminary investigations of raw materials and when it may be deemed advisable to arrange for more detailed investigation by appropriate scientific or technical institutions.

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5. To collect samples of raw materials having a definite value in industry and commerce.

6. To co-operate with other agencies within the Empire formed for similar purposes.

7. To maintain for public information and instruction in the exhibition galleries of the Imperial Institute exhibitions illustrative of the resources and development of the Empire and of its scenery life and progress and where practicable to organise from time to time temporary exhibitions of a similar nature elsewhere.

8. To do anything incidental to or conducive to carrying into effect all or any of the foregoing purposes.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE.

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### CONSTITUTION AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

(1) The Board of Governors shall consist of the responsible Minister (who shall be President) and the following other governors:—

One appointed by the Government of the Dominion of Canada;

One appointed by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia;

One appointed by the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand;

One appointed by the Government of the Union of South Africa;

One appointed by the Government of the Irish Free State;

One appointed by the Government of Newfoundland;

One appointed by the Government of India;

One appointed by the Treasury;

Two one of whom shall be in respect of mines appointed by the Board of Trade;

Three appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies;

One appointed by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries;

One appointed by the responsible Minister;



One representative of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research appointed by the Lord President of the Council;

Not more than ten representatives of scientific and commercial interests of whom one shall be a representative of the Royal Society appointed by the responsible Minister after consultation with such bodies representative of those interests as he may think fit:

Provided that—

(a) If and so long as the Government of any self-governing Dominion or of India is not for the time being contributing towards the expenses of the Imperial Institute it shall not be necessary for a person appointed by that Government to be a member of the Board of Governors; and

(b) Of the governors first appointed by the responsible Minister as representatives of scientific and commercial interests not less than three shall be persons who immediately before the commencement of this Act are governors of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau.

(2) The appointed governors shall hold office for three years.

(3) If any vacancy occurs by death resignation effluxion of time or otherwise in the office of any appointed governor the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a person similarly appointed and any person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office so long only as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

(4) Any person ceasing to be an appointed member of the Board of Governors shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(5) The powers of the Board of Governors may be exercised notwithstanding any vacancy in their number.

(6) The Board of Governors may with the consent of the responsible Minister make rules—

(a) for regulating the proceedings (including quorum) of the Board of Governors; and

(b) for enabling the Board of Governors to constitute a Managing Committee a Laboratory Committee and other committees and to include as members of committees persons who are not members of the Board so however that the Managing Committee shall include a representative of the Treasury and that the Laboratory Committee shall include representatives of the

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responsible Minister the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Royal Society; and

(c) for authorising the delegation to committees of all or any of the powers of the Board of Governors and for regulating the proceedings (including quorum) of the committees; and

(d) for constituting advisory councils or committees of which one shall be an advisory council on minerals.

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