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No. 35 of 1942.

An Act to amend the Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1925.

[Assented to 26th November, 1942.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1942".

(2) The Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1925, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1942".

(3) The Shearers Accommodation Act, 1922-1925, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of
s. 6 of principal
Act—
Accommoda-
tion for
shearers.

2. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out the words "the shearing-shed" in the fourth line thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "any shearing-shed, stable, cowshed, pig-sty, or wool scour";

(b) by inserting after paragraph II. of subsection (2) thereof the following paragraphs:—

IIA. Any building provided for sleeping accommodation at the passing of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1942, or any such building which is in the course of erection at the time of the said passing, shall be divided into compartments to accommodate not more than three shearers

in each compartment and any such building the erection of which is commenced after the said passing shall be divided into compartments to accommodate not more than two shearers in each compartment :

- ii. Separate sleeping accommodation shall be provided for cooks and their assistants in a compartment or compartments separate from the sleeping compartments provided for other shearers :
- iii. Each shearer shall be provided with a bedstead or bunk and every bedstead or bunk which is first provided after the passing of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1942, shall be not less than six feet six inches in length and not less than two feet six inches in width :
- iv. Each shearer shall be provided with a clean mattress, with sufficient clean and dry hay, chaff, straw, kapock or fibre suitable to fill the same, and with a mattress ticking in a clean and proper condition :
- v. Each sleeping compartment shall be provided with a lamp sufficient to illuminate that compartment together with any necessary kerosene, oil or other illuminant. Every such lamp shall be a wall lamp or a lamp capable of being suitably suspended :

(c) by inserting therein after paragraph iii. of subsection (2) the following paragraph :—

- iii. Where there is a sufficient supply of water, a bathroom shall be provided for the use of the shearers. If not more than seven shearers are employed at least one shower or plunge bath shall be provided in the bathroom. If more than seven but not more than fifteen shearers are employed at least two such baths shall be so provided. If more than fifteen but not more than thirty shearers are employed, at least three such baths shall be so provided. If more than thirty shearers are employed at least three baths shall be so provided together with one such additional bath for every fifteen shearers or fraction thereof employed in excess of thirty :

(d) by inserting after paragraph iv. of subsection (2) thereof the following paragraph :—

- iva. A sufficient quantity of disinfectant shall be provided for application to all latrines or drains which are in daily use. The disinfectant shall be applied in sufficient quantities to such latrines and drains :
- (e) by striking out paragraph VII. of subsection (2) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraphs :—
- vii. There shall be provided in each kitchen at least one fly-proof safe for the storage of cooked food and there shall be provided at least one fly-proof safe or fly-proof meat house for the storage of fresh meat :
- viii. Each kitchen shall be equipped with a brick oven or a stove or range and a sufficient number of tables or benches :
- viiib. Each dining room shall be provided with a dining table or tables sufficient to accommodate the shearers for whose use it is provided and so as to allow a space of at least two feet for every person seated at any such table. Every such table, the upper surface of which is not of dressed timber closely cramped with an even surface and without crevices, shall be covered with linoleum or other similar covering. If any table is to be used by shearers seated at both sides thereof, the table shall be not less than three feet six inches in width :
- viiic. Each dining room shall be provided with a sufficient number of seats made of sound timber and with a dressed surface :
- (f) by adding at the end of paragraph VIII. of subsection (2) thereof the words “ All tanks and vessels used for the storage of drinking water shall be so constructed and covered as to prevent water stored therein from becoming polluted or contaminated ” ;
- (g) by adding at the end of paragraph IX. of subsection (2) thereof the words “ and such other utensils as, in the opinion of an inspector, are required. No kerosene tin or benzine tin shall be supplied as a utensil for the preparation or cooking of food ” ;
- (h) by inserting in subsection (2) thereof after paragraph IX. thereof the following paragraphs :—

x. For each shearer one knife, one fork, one spoon, one enamel mug or cup of one pint measure, and two delf or china plates shall be provided. If the supply of such plates becomes insufficient otherwise than by reason of the failure of the employer to provide the required quantity thereof at the beginning of the employment, metal or other plates in proper condition may be provided in lieu thereof :

xi. There shall be provided basins for the personal ablutions of the shearers and tubs for the washing of clothes by the shearers. At least one such basin and one such tub shall be provided for every five shearers employed or fraction thereof.

(i) by striking out the words "the shearing-shed" in the second line of subsection (3) thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "any shearing-shed, pig-sty, cowshed, stable, or wool-scour" ;

(j) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection :—

(4) If any building provided by any employer for the accommodation of shearers was erected before the passing of the Shearers Accommodation Act Amendment Act, 1942, then notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs IIa. and IIb. of subsection (2) and of subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the employer shall not be required to alter the building so that it complies with the said provisions until after the expiration of six months after the conclusion of the war in which His Majesty was engaged at the time of the said passing, but nothing in this subsection shall apply to any building which was in the course of erection at or is erected after the said passing.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

J. M. NAPIER, Deputy Governor.