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Make provision with respect to loans and sales made for the purpose of the supply of Seed Potatoes to occupiers and cultivators of land in Ireland. A.D. 1906.

BE it 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 the same, as follows:—

- 5 1.—(1) Where at any time between the first of December nineteen hundred and four and the first of September nineteen hundred and five the Board of Works have, with the consent of the Treasury and the approval of the Local Government Board, made out of moneys at their disposal for the purpose of local
- 10 loans, any loan to the guardians of any union for the purpose of providing seed potatoes, the loan shall be deemed to have been legally made and shall be repayable by the guardians to the Board of Works by two equal instalments, the first of which shall be paid on *the first day of February nineteen hundred and*
- 15 *seven*, and the second on *the first day of February nineteen hundred and eight*, with interest at the rate of *three and a half per cent.* per annum on the loan or any outstanding balance thereof from the date of the advance to the date of repayment, and the poor rate leviable in the union shall as from the date of the loan,
- 20 without any deed of mortgage or other instrument, be and be deemed to have been charged with the repayment thereof and interest by the said instalments.

(2) If at any time the Board of Works certify that any sum is payable to them by the guardians of any union on account

25 of any loan or interest as aforesaid, the Local Government Board shall, by order under their seal, assess that sum on the union

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Validation
of supply of
seed potatoes
by guardians
and repay-
ment of
price by
purchasers.

2.—(1) Where at any time between the first of December nineteen hundred and four and the first of September nineteen hundred and five the guardians of any union have, with the 10 sanction of the Local Government Board, provided a supply of seed potatoes for the use of any district electoral division of their union, and have sold any such potatoes to any occupier or cultivator of land in that electoral division, the sale shall be deemed to have been legally made, and any sum due to the 15 guardians on account thereof shall be paid by two equal instalments, and the guardians shall certify the amount of each instalment to the council of the county comprising the electoral division affected.

(2) For obtaining payment of each instalment due from any 20 person the county council shall levy the amount where the person is rated to the poor rate, by a special rate to be added to the poor rate assessed on the tenements occupied by him and to be collected therewith.

(3) Where any such person is not rated to the poor rate, 25 the county council shall make a special rate for the purposes of this Act to which he shall be rated.

(4) Every such last-mentioned special rate shall be recoverable in the same manner and with the same remedies by the collectors of the poor rate as if it were poor rate, and shall be paid by the 30 county council to the guardians.

(5) Where the poor rate is collected in two moieties the special rate required for the purposes of this Act shall be collected with the first moiety of the poor rate.

(6) The first of the special rates required for the purposes 35 of this Act shall be made at the same time as the first ordinary poor rate made *during the year nineteen hundred and six*, and the second of those rates shall be made at the same time as the first ordinary poor rate made *during the year nineteen hundred and seven*.

(7) The first instalment payable by each purchaser of seed potatoes shall be due on the day on which the first of such special rates is made, and the second instalment shall be due on the day on which the second of such special rates is made. A.D. 1906.

5 Any such instalment may be paid to the guardians at any earlier date.

3. No electoral disability or loss of parliamentary or other franchise shall be incurred by any voter by reason of the purchase of seed potatoes under this Act, nor shall any person be disqualified Saving as to franchise and disqualification.

10 under any Article in the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, by reason of his having entered into a contract for such purchase.

4. All orders and regulations made, sanctions given, and things done by the Local Government Board in relation to the provision during the period in that behalf in this Act mentioned of seed potatoes by the guardians of any union shall be and be deemed to have been valid and effectual for all purposes. Validation of orders, &c. of Local Government Board.

5. In this Act—

20 The expression “the Local Government Board” means the Local Government Board for Ireland; and

The expression “the Board of Works” means the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

6. This Act may be cited as the Seed Potatoes Supply Short title. (Ireland) Act, 1906.