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CHAPTER 76.

The Fruit Packing Act.

1. In this Act,—

Interpretation.

(a) "Minister" shall mean Minister of Agriculture;

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(b) "Association" shall mean any co-operative organization of not less than ten fruit growers incorporated under *The Companies Act* or other Acts of the Province for the purpose of marketing any kind of fruit and holding at least one hundred acres of bearing fruit lands, the fruit from which shall be contracted to be sold through such association. 1922, c. 90, s. 2.

"Association."

Rev. Stat. c. 218.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister may make a grant out of such moneys as may be appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose, to any association in accordance with the provisions of this Act for the purpose of acquiring or erecting buildings necessary for the proper grading, packing and storing of the fruits grown by the members of such association. 1922, c. 90, s. 3.

Grant for erecting packing houses.

3. Such grant shall not exceed twenty-five per centum of the appraised value of the buildings upon which the grant is to be made, or a total of \$1,500 in any one case. 1922, c. 90, s. 4.

Grant not to exceed twenty-five per cent. of appraised value.

4. The plans and location of the buildings must be approved by the Minister, before a grant be paid. 1922, c. 90, s. 5.

Approval of plans and location.

5. Buildings on which a grant is paid under this Act shall be vested in the association, but no such building shall be disposed of by any such association without the consent of the Minister. 1922, c. 90, s. 6.

Right of ownership.

6. The control and management of the buildings erected under this Act shall be vested in the association and the association may fix charges and adopt regulations for the proper conduct of the work and shall accept fruit for grading, packing or storage from growers, who are not members of the association, on such terms as may seem reasonable. 1922, c. 90, s. 7.

Use of building by outside growers.

Annual statement submitted to Minister.

7. The association shall at least once in every year, and whenever called upon to do so by the Minister, transmit to the Minister a general statement of the funds and effects of the association, the number of members or shareholders therein, and such other information as may be requisite to show clearly the position of the association and the business done during the year, which return shall be certified by the president and secretary as being correct. 1922, c. 90, s. 8.

Repayment, effect of.

8. Upon repayment of the amount of the grant by any association, such association shall be relieved of all the conditions and limitations otherwise imposed by this Act. 1922, c. 90, s. 9.

Powers of Minister.

9. The Minister may decide all matters of doubt or dispute as to the working of the association or the construction of this Act, and his decision shall be final, except that an appeal therefrom may be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 1922, c. 90, s. 10.
