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CHAPTERS 37-38

Agriculture and Rural Credits

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

6024. Powers and duties.

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6025. Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce acts.

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6026. Attorney general to advise Commissioner.

Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 15, 1931; note under §6025.

6027. Commissioner to publish information.

Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 15, 1931; note under §6025.

RURAL CREDITS

6030. Definitions.—The following words and phrases in this act shall unless the same be inconsistent with the context be construed as follows:

The word "Department" shall mean the "Department of Rural Credit," and the word "Conservator" shall mean the "Conservator of Rural Credit."

The terms "bond," "certificate of indebtedness" and "tax levy certificate" shall include all such evidences of indebtedness issued under authority of this act, whenever issued.

The term "loan" shall mean loans made by the state under authority of this act, and the term "mortgage" shall mean mortgages taken by the state to secure such loans.

Whenever used in this act the masculine gender shall be held to include the feminine gender. ('23, c. 225, §1; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §1.)

6031. Purposes.—(a) The Department of Rural Credit created and established by this act, as amended by Article XV of Chapter 426, Laws 1925, is hereby continued. The rural credit bureau created by said article shall hereafter be known as the Conservator of Rural Credit and shall consist of a single member. The offices of chairman, secretary and assistant attorney general heretofore constituting the rural credit bureau are hereby abolished.

(b) The Conservator shall be a person well qualified to perform the duties of the office, shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of six years at an annual salary of \$7,000 payable in semi-monthly instalments, and may be removed for cause after notice and hearing on the charges made against him. He shall before entering upon his duties take and subscribe the oath prescribed by law and give a bond to the State in the sum of \$25,000 or such larger sum as the Governor may at any time determine to be necessary to indemnify the State against loss, which bond shall be conditioned, approved and filed as now provided by law."

(c) In all matters arising under this act the State may sue and be sued as a natural person. ('23, c. 225, §2; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §2.)

Assistant attorney general member of rural credit bureau holds an office created by statute and thereby designated as "without term," and serves at pleasure of attorney general. State v. Poirier, 248NW747.

The provision creating original rural credit bureau fixing stated terms of office for members, and providing for their removal only on charges made, notice, and hearing, is in conflict with Reorganization Act and was repealed thereby. State v. Poirier, 248NW747.

6032. Appointment of conservator.—The Conservator shall have the power to provide such furniture, fixtures, stationery and supplies and to employ three

assistants at annual salaries not exceeding \$3,000 each and such clerks, laborers, and other employes and engage such legal assistance as are actually necessary for the conduct of the business of said Department, to fix all fees, costs and charges incident to the administration of this act, and to define the duties of the officers, agents and employes of said Department; and all such officers, agents and employes shall be under the direction and authority of said Conservator in all matters not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of their duties as the Conservator may require. The Conservator shall exercise strict economy in the operation and administration of the Department. ('23, c. 225, §3; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §3.)

Conservator of rural credit may purchase printing independent of state printer. Op. Atty. Gen., May 24, 1933, Aug. 31, 1933.

6033. Conservator to provide offices and employes.

—(a) The Conservator shall have power:

(1) To adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department;

(2) To issue certificates of indebtedness and tax levy certificates subject to the limitations of Section 12 of this act;

(3) In the name of the State to acquire, own, hold, lease, sell and convey such property, real, personal or mixed, as may be necessary, convenient and proper for the transaction of the business of the Department; but such property shall be taken by him only in payment of pre-existing debts owing the State;

(4) To sell, grant and convey to any person, firm or corporation who shall apply therefor a right of way or easement to lay, maintain, operate and keep up pipe lines for the transportation and transmission of gasoline and other petroleum products over and across lands subject to rural credit mortgages, and over and across such mortgaged lands acquired by the State by foreclosure or deed, upon such terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable;

(5) To insure buildings and structures upon any such mortgaged property acquired by the State against loss by fire, tornado, windstorm and/or hail, in any insurance company or association, however organized, authorized to do business in this State, and to pay the premiums, assessments and dues thereby accruing; and to make such repairs and improvements upon such property as are essential to the operation and preservation thereof;

(6) To do all things that may be necessary and proper in carrying out the provisions of this act.

b. It shall be the duty of the Conservator

(1) To maintain the office of the Department at the seat of government;

(2) To keep such books and records as are necessary for the conduct of the business of the Department and to keep in his custody all promissory notes, mortgages, securities, evidences of indebtedness, muniments of title, and all other papers, records and instruments of every kind now in the possession of or hereafter received or acquired by the Department.

(3) To diligently collect all moneys due the State under this act and to sell all property acquired by it but subject to the limitations herein provided, with a view to the complete and speedy liquidation of the business of the Department.

(4) To promptly meet all obligations of the Department to the end that no default shall occur in the payment of principal or interest on its bonds or certificates.

(5) To submit an annual report to the Governor. ('23, c. 225, §4; '25, c. 270; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §4.)

Bonds can only be issued for total amount of cash on hand, mortgages, real property taken under foreclosure, notwithstanding it amounts to less than \$70,000,000. Op. Atty. Gen., Feb. 21, 1933.

Certificates of indebtedness and tax levy certificates hereby authorized are not bonds within limitation as to outstanding bonds which department of rural credits may issue. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 24, 1933.

Laws 1933, c. 429, supersedes and excludes Laws 1925, Art. 3, §§3 and 4, and gives conservator full authority to buy its own supplies, equipment, etc., and to hire, control and regulate its own employes. Op. Atty. Gen., May 24, 1933.

Rural credit bureau has authority to issue bonds to refund maturing bonds. Op. Atty. Gen., June 24, 1933.

Power of bureau to issue bonds is not affected by Laws 1933, c. 386. Op. Atty. Gen., June 26, 1933.

Rural credit department may refinance mortgages by taking federal land bank bonds. Op. Atty. Gen., July 7, 1933.

Where borrower divides land and deeds it to several sons, department of rural credits is not authorized by Laws 1933, c. 429, amending this section, to divide the loan. Op. Atty. Gen., Sept. 16, 1933.

Under this section, as amended by Laws 1933, c. 429, §4, commission is not authorized to exchange lands acquired by state under rural credit act for lands within conservation or forest areas. Op. Atty. Gen., Sept. 28, 1933.

(a) (6).

Under this section, as amended by Laws 1933, c. 429, conservator may waive enforcement of mortgage lien for period of three years. So construed this act is not in conflict with Laws 1933, c. 403. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 9, 1933.

6034. Seal.—The Conservator shall provide himself with and keep a seal. The design of this seal shall be as follows: a circle within which shall appear the word "seal." Between the lower and upper halves of the circle properly divided shall appear the words "Department of Rural Credit, State of Minnesota." Every instrument or paper heretofore executed by said Department to which has been affixed a seal either in said form or in the form prescribed by this section prior to its amendment by Section 1 of Chapter 421, Laws 1929, is hereby legalized and declared to have been duly executed. ('23, c. 225, §5; Apr. 27, 1929, c. 421, §1; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §5.)

6035. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, post.

6036. State Treasurer to be custodian of funds.—All moneys of the Department, whether resulting from the sale of certificates or otherwise, shall be paid into the state treasury and be disbursed by direction of the Conservator in the same manner as other state funds are disbursed. The auditor and treasurer shall keep separate account of said moneys as herein provided. Proceeds from the sale of certificates of indebtedness and tax levy certificates when issued to provide money for the payment of maturing bonds and certificates of indebtedness, and payments of principal upon loans, shall be credited to a Rural Credit Fund. The Conservator shall determine and set apart the proportion of interest collected upon loans available for operating expenses, which shall be, as near as practicable, the difference between the interest paid by the state for money borrowed on its bonds and the interest paid by the borrower. The interest set apart for such purpose, and all fees and other receipts in connection with the making of loans, shall be credited to a Rural Credit Expense Fund. All interest collected and not credited to the Expense Fund shall be credited to a Rural Credit Interest Fund. The division of interest collected as herein provided shall be made at least once each month. Premiums and accrued interest collected in connection with the sale of certificates, and proceeds from the sale of certificates of indebtedness and

of tax levy certificates when issued to provide money for the payment of interest, shall be credited to the Interest Fund. All administrative expenses shall be paid out of the Expense Fund; all maturing bonds and all maturing certificates of indebtedness issued to provide money for the payment of the principal of bonds and certificates shall be paid out of the Rural Credit Fund. All interest obligations and all maturing certificates of indebtedness issued to provide money for the payment of interest shall be paid out of the Interest Fund. ('23, c. 225, §7; '25, c. 244, §1; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §6.)

Under Laws 1933, c. 429, amending this section a clearing account carried with bank pending collection and clearance of checks could be drawn on by conservator for transfer to state treasurer but not to pay expenses of department. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 11, 1933.

6037. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, post.

6038. Foreclosure of mortgages, etc.—a. In case of the sale of the mortgaged land the Conservator may permit said mortgage of the vendor to be assumed by the purchaser or by the heirs of the deceased mortgagor. In case the mortgagor shall vacate or cease to occupy and use in good faith for the purposes specified in this act such mortgaged land without written permission of the Conservator, and the security thereby is impaired, the Conservator may at his option declare the whole amount of the loan thereon to be due and payable, provided there is a default in payment according to the terms of the loan or failure of payment of taxes on the land mortgaged.

b. Every borrower shall pay simple interest on defaulted payments at the rate of seven per cent per annum and by express covenant in his mortgage deed shall pay when due all taxes, liens, judgments, assessments and insurance, which may be lawfully assessed against the mortgaged land; and by such covenant shall agree to and shall keep insured against fire and the elements in any insurance company or association, however organized, authorized to do business in this state, to the satisfaction of the Conservator all buildings, the value of which was a factor in determining the amount of the loan. Insurance shall be made payable to the mortgagee, as its interest may appear at the time of loss; and at the option of the mortgagor and subject to the general regulations of the Department, sums so received may be used to pay for reconstruction of the buildings destroyed. Taxes, judgments, assessments and other liens, affecting the security of the mortgage, and not paid when due, may be paid by the mortgagee at the option of the Conservator, and, when any buildings shall not be insured or kept insured as aforesaid, the Conservator, at his option, may obtain such insurance and pay the cost thereof, and any payments by the Department for any of the purposes aforesaid shall thereupon become a part of the debt secured by the mortgage, and shall bear simple interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum. The disbursements under this subdivision prior to the date when the state acquires title to the real estate covered by mortgage under foreclosure proceedings or by deed in lieu of foreclosure proceedings shall be paid from the Rural Credit Fund, and all disbursements in connection with such real estate after such date shall be paid from the Rural Credit Expense Fund. Provided disbursements for building and other improvements of a permanent nature shall be paid from the Rural Credit Fund.

c. No loan or mortgage securing same shall be impaired or invalidated by reason of any act of any agent of said Department in excess of his powers herein granted or in any limitation thereon or in excess of the powers granted by said Conservator. ('23, c. 225, §9; pars. b, h, and i by '25, c. 244, §2; pars. e and g by '25, c. 226, §2; pars. g and i by Act

Apr. 27, 1929, c. 241, §2; pars. f, i and r by Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §7.)

Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §7, repeals subdivisions a, b, c, d, e, g, h and j, and amends subdivisions f, i and k to read as above.

Conservator under Laws 1933, c. 429, may not waive premium provided for during first 5 years of loan. Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 11, 1933.

6039. Satisfaction of mortgages.—When the mortgagor or his successor in interest has fully paid any mortgage, it shall be the duty of the Conservator to furnish him with a proper release or satisfaction of said mortgage executed in the name of the state by him and attested by his official seal, and the mortgage papers belonging to such loan including abstract of title and insurance policies assigned shall be returned to such person. Upon payment of any sum by a borrower under the provisions of this act the Conservator shall furnish the payor with a receipt showing the nature of such payment and the date to which interest is paid and the balance of the principal remaining unpaid. ('23, c. 225, §10; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §8.)

Where mortgagor to state deeded land to it and took contract back and later conveyed property to another, contract was valid and could be terminated on thirty days' notice. *McKinley v. S.*, 247NW389. See Dun. Dig. 6150, 6166, 10091.

6040. Title to property to run to the state of Minnesota.—a. The title to all property taken by the Department shall run to the State of Minnesota.

b. The property, real, personal and mixed, acquired by the Department shall be sold by the Conservator at its fair value at time of sale, in such manner and on such terms as may be provided by the regulations adopted by him. In making sales of real estate the Conservator shall have regard for the state of the market and shall make sales thereof in such manner and at such times as not to depress unduly the market for farm lands, and shall, if in his judgment the best interests of the State and of the public will be served thereby, defer such sales until such time as they may be made without undue loss to the State or undue impairment of the market value of farm lands within the state. No land shall be sold by the conservator for an amount less than the indebtedness accrued thereon at the time of the acquisition of title by the Department, together with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum until sold, less the net income derived therefrom after such acquisition of title; but if the Conservator shall determine that a sale of any such land cannot be made for the full amount accrued against it and that further loss to the state would probably result if it be not then sold he may sell any such land for less than said amount upon the approval of such sale by the chairman of the Minnesota Tax Commission.

c. All contracts for the sale of property and all conveyances thereof shall be executed in the name of the State by the Conservator and attested by his official seal, and all mortgages or other security taken in connection therewith shall run to the State of Minnesota. ('23, c. 225, §11; '25, c. 244, §3; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §9.)

Department of rural credits may sell real estate at an amount less than full amount accrued against it, provided bureau shall determine that sale cannot be made for full amount. Op. Atty. Gen., Feb. 8, 1933.

Rural Credits Board may sell land acquired by foreclosure on long term installment contract for deed, in accordance with this section. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 23, 1933.

6040-1. Department of Rural Credit may assign mortgages in certain cases.—In the event of the death of a mortgagor to whom a loan has been granted by the Department of Rural Credit and whose surviving spouse and/or children desire to continue the ownership and in the possession of the premises pledged as security for such loan, the Department of Rural Credit may, in its discretion, upon payment in full of any such loan and the accrued interest thereon,

assign and transfer the mortgage given to secure such loan, to the surviving spouse and/or children of such decedent mortgagor. (Act Mar. 16, 1933, c. 83, §1.)

Sec. 2 of Act Mar. 16, 1933, cited, provides that the act shall take effect from its passage.

6041. Certificates of indebtedness.—Certificates of indebtedness and tax levy certificates provided for in this act shall be issued in such denominations, mature at such times and be sold and redeemed in such manner as the Conservator shall determine, and the Conservator shall have full authority to prescribe such other rules and regulations as may be necessary or advisable in connection with the issuance of said certificates. Certificates of indebtedness shall be issued only when there is insufficient money in the Rural Credit Fund available for the payment of the principal of, or in the Rural Credit Interest Fund available for the payment of interest upon, outstanding bonds or certificates when due, and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness shall be limited to an amount sufficient to cover such deficiencies. The Conservator may refund any outstanding certificates of indebtedness at maturity subject to the limitations hereof. All certificates shall be sold upon competitive bids after proper notice unless they are sold to the state's trust funds. Certificates issued by the Conservator shall designate on their face the purpose for which they are issued and shall be signed by the Conservator in behalf of the Department and attested by the Secretary of State, and be in such form as shall be approved by the Attorney General and shall bind the State to pay the same according to the terms thereof. Facsimile signatures of the Conservator and Secretary of State shall be sufficient upon interest coupons. Before issuance all certificates to be issued by the Department shall be presented to the State Auditor, who shall make a record showing the number, amount, date of issue and date of maturity of each certificate and the auditor or his deputy shall certify thereon that such record has been made. If at any time there is insufficient money in the Rural Credit Fund to pay any bonds or certificates of indebtedness at maturity, or in the Rural Credit Interest Fund to pay the interest upon bonds or certificates when due, and which cannot otherwise be paid under the limitations of this act, the Department shall issue its tax levy certificates in an amount sufficient to cover said deficiencies, but no tax levy certificates shall be issued unless and until, by reason of the condition of the securities market or for other valid reasons, the Department is unable to sell its certificates of indebtedness in amounts sufficient to cover such deficiencies, provided, however, that for the payment of \$1,250,000 in bonds and certificates of indebtedness maturing in February and March, 1935, and the interest thereon the Conservator shall during the year 1934 issue tax levy certificates in the amount of such principal and interest and the State Auditor shall levy a tax therefor payable in the year 1935. Such tax levy certificates shall mature at the earliest practicable date and be sold in the same manner as other certificates issued by the Department. Upon the issuance of such tax levy certificates the Department shall certify the amount thereof and the maturity dates to the State Auditor, who shall thereupon make a tax levy against all the taxable property of the state, in the same manner as other taxes are levied, in an amount sufficient to pay said certificates at maturity together with interest thereon. The moneys derived from said tax levy shall be credited to the appropriate fund or funds and shall be applied to the payment of the deficiencies on account of which they were issued. Payment of interest falling due upon said certificates prior to the collection of said tax levy shall be made from the Rural Credit Interest Fund. The Conservator may direct the State Auditor to cancel any tax levy prior to the date of certifying same to the several county

auditors, if money is available in the proper fund, or funds, for the payment of said tax levy certificates. If a tax is ordered cancelled subsequent to the issuance of tax levy certificates a sum necessary to pay said certificates at maturity shall be set aside from any available money in the proper fund, or funds, and such sums shall be used for no other purpose. Said certificates may be redeemed before maturity by consent of the holders thereof. If a tax levy is cancelled interest upon outstanding tax levy certificates shall be paid from the Rural Credit Interest Fund. After the issuance of tax levy certificates and the levy of the tax to pay said tax levy certificates, the Department shall from the first money available in the proper fund, or funds, after provision has been made for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds and certificates of indebtedness repay the state the amount of money received by it from the sale of tax levy certificates with interest at four per cent from the date when interest started to run upon said certificates. Partial payments may be made upon such amount from time to time as funds become available. Such repayment shall be credited to the Revenue fund, if there are no outstanding tax levy certificates, otherwise such payment shall be credited to a Tax Levy Certificate fund and shall be available for the payment of outstanding tax levy certificates or interest thereon. The State Auditor shall credit all taxes collected under the provisions of this section to the Tax Levy Certificate fund, and all tax levy Certificates and interest thereon shall be paid therefrom. Any surplus remaining after the payment of all outstanding tax levy certificates shall be transferred to Revenue fund.

The Conservator shall first offer to the state board of investment any certificates issued by him, and said board is requested, but not directed, to purchase such certificates. ('23, c. 225, §12; '25, c. 244, §4; Apr. 27, 1929, c. 421, §3; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §10.)

The limitations contained in this section do not limit the amount of bonds which the department may issue. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 24, 1933.

6042 to 6044 [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, post.

6045. Administrative expenses.—The Department may transfer from the Expense Fund to the Rural Credits Interest Fund any surplus not required for administrative expenses. Temporary loans also may be made from the Expense Fund to meet maturing obligations to be paid out of the Rural Credit Fund or the Rural Credit Interest Fund, such loans to be returned as soon as practicable. The Department shall from time to time set aside from the interest or expense fund any surplus not required for the payment of operating expenses, interest, or outstanding certificates. Such surplus shall be credited to a Rural Credit Reserve fund. Said fund shall, upon request of the bureau, be invested by the state board of investment in the same class of securities in which the trust funds of the state may be invested. Said board shall have authority to sell any securities purchased for said fund, when authorized by the Conservator, for the purpose of providing funds with which to pay maturing bonds, or interest upon outstanding bonds, or to make up any loss resulting from the operations of the Department, or for purchasing other securities. All losses upon loans shall be a charge against the reserve fund and all profits resulting from the sale of real estate acquired through foreclosure proceedings or otherwise, after deducting accrued interest and expenses, shall be credited thereto. All interest earned upon the reserve fund shall be credited to such fund and become a part thereof. The Conservator may authorize the state board of investment to invest for short periods any temporary cash surplus in the Rural Credit fund, such investment to be restricted to United States Government or

State of Minnesota obligations. If at any time a surplus shall accrue in the Rural Credit fund the Conservator may invest such surplus in the same manner as any money in the Reserve fund is to be invested. Any securities purchased by said board of investment with any money in the Rural Credit fund, as herein provided, shall be sold at the request of the Conservator. ('23, c. 225, §16; '25, c. 244, §6; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §11.)

6046. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, post.

6047. Mortgages, loans and lands to be held as security for bonds.—Mortgages, promissory notes and other evidences of indebtedness and titles to real estate or other property acquired by said Department shall be held in trust for the payment of money borrowed by the State of Minnesota for the purposes of establishing and maintaining said system of rural credits and shall never be diverted to any other purpose. ('23, c. 225, §18; '25, c. 244, §7; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §12.)

6048. All property shall be exempt from taxation.—All mortgages, real estate and other property owned and held by said Department in its business of loaning and all certificates or bonds issued by said Department in the transaction of the business shall be free from all general taxes, state, county, and municipal, and shall not be subject to State Income Tax. Such mortgages shall be exempt from any registration tax. ('23, c. 225, §19; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §13.)

Farm lands acquired by state through foreclosure of mortgages are not subject to taxation. State, appeal of, 182M437, 234NW691. See Dun. Dig. 9151a.

6049. Foreclosure of mortgages.—Any foreclosure of any of the mortgages provided for by this act shall be made in the usual manner, either by action or by advertisement, as the Conservator may direct, but it shall not be necessary to record any power of attorney and the Conservator or an employee of the Department designated by him may act in lieu of an attorney in foreclosures by advertisement. When default shall exist in the payment of amortized installments of principal and interest or either thereof, the Conservator, if he shall determine that the best interests of the state so require, may take and accept crop or chattel mortgage security or both, in lieu of present foreclosure. The Conservator, at his option, may take and accept deed to the mortgaged lands in lieu of foreclosure. All deeds which may have been heretofore so taken and accepted are hereby legalized and confirmed. In case of foreclosure the costs and expenses that are now or may hereafter be provided by law, in the foreclosure of real estate mortgages may be taxed in the foreclosure of any mortgage in like manner and to the same effect as if the State of Minnesota were a natural person, but no attorney's fee shall be collected upon any such foreclosure. ('23, c. 225, §20; Apr. 27, 1929, c. 421, §4; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §14.)

Act authorizing Department of Rural Credits to insure farm property acquired through foreclosures in certain mutual and township insurance companies. Laws 1931, c. 245.

Rural credit bureau possesses power to execute waiver agreeing not to foreclose mortgages for a period of three years. Op. Atty. Gen., July 15, 1933.

Land acquired by state through foreclosure of mortgage is not taxable to pay bonded indebtedness of school district. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 1, 1933.

6049-1. Deficiency judgments on state mortgages prohibited.—The department of Rural Credit, under the supervision and control of the Rural Credit Bureau, is hereby directed in case of foreclosure of any real estate mortgage acquired by the state through the operations of said department to bid the full amount due the state at any mortgage foreclosure sale. Hereafter no judgment shall be taken by the state for any deficiency remaining unpaid upon the debt secured by such a mortgage after foreclosure. (Act Apr. 15, 1933, c. 247.)

6049-2. Payments on rural credit mortgages postponed for three years.—Any owner of real estate, on which the Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau holds a mortgage, may make verified application to said Bureau asking that said Bureau refrain from the collection of installments due on said mortgage for a period of not to exceed two years from and after May 1, 1933. Such application shall set out that the owner of said real estate is unable to pay the installments due on the principal and interest of said mortgage without becoming delinquent in the payment of taxes; that the applicant will pay the taxes and insurance on said real estate in accordance with the terms of the mortgage; that the applicant will not commit waste on the premises; and that if said applicant fails to pay said taxes and insurance or commits waste, then and in that case the said Bureau would not be bound by the terms of any extension granted and could pursue its remedies under the mortgage as though no extension had been granted; and such other facts as the Bureau shall deem advisable. Upon the filing of such application, the Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau shall cause investigation to be made, and if the facts as stated in such application shall be found to be true, the said Bureau may grant the application and shall refrain from the collection of the current installments on the principal and interest of the mortgage for a period not to exceed two years from and after May 1, 1933, upon such terms as set forth in the application. (Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 403, §1.)

The title of the act declares that its purpose is to grant a "three" year extension while the body of the act limits the extension to two years.

This act does not conflict with Laws 1933, c. 429, construed as empowering conservator to waive enforcement of mortgage for three years. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 9, 1933.

6049-3. Extension revoked in certain cases.—Should the owner of said real estate fail to pay the taxes and insurance on said premises or commit waste thereon during the said period of extension, the Bureau shall have the right to revoke such order of suspension and enforce the collection of payments in pursuance with the terms of the mortgage. Upon the commencement of proceedings to foreclose any mortgage where an extension of payments has been granted, the mortgagor may petition the District Court of the county wherein the mortgaged real estate is situated for an order restraining said foreclosure, setting forth that he has lived up to the terms of the extension agreement, and should the court find and adjudge that said mortgagor has substantially lived up to the terms of the extension agreement, the court shall order the discontinuance of said foreclosure. After the filing of said verified petition and during the pendency of said cause all proceedings for the foreclosure of said mortgage shall be held in abeyance until the final determination of the court. (Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 403, §2.)

6049-4. Payment of unpaid installments.—The unpaid installments shall be paid either by prorating and adding the same to the installments due after such suspension period, or in installments at the end of the original period of the mortgage. (Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 403, §3.)

6050. Interest on deposits.—Interest shall be allowed upon any moneys in the funds of the Department at the rate received by the state from its depositories. The Conservator shall have authority to determine the amount of moneys in the Department funds which shall be kept in active depositories and the amount in inactive depositories. As soon as practicable after the state has collected interest for any stated period, the state treasurer shall credit to the Interest Fund the amount of interest due and make a statement thereof to the Department. ('23, c. 225, §21; '25, c. 244, §8; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §15.)

6051. Clerical assistants in auditors and treasurers office.—If it shall become necessary to employ additional clerical assistance in the office of the State Auditor

or State Treasurer by reason of the additional duties imposed upon said offices by this act, the actual expense thereof shall be charged to and be borne by the Department in such amounts as from time to time may be ascertained and certified in writing by such officers and approved by the Conservator. ('23, c. 225, §22; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §16.)

6052. Surety bonds.—Whenever a bond or undertaking is required by this act or by the Conservator to be given, it shall be held to mean a surety bond furnished by a surety company authorized and qualified to do business in this state. Such bonds shall run to the State of Minnesota, shall be as nearly as applicable in the form prescribed by the laws of this State and the form thereof shall be approved by the Attorney General. ('23, c. 225, §23; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §17.)

6053. Cost to be borne by Department.—The cost of surety bonds provided by this act, furnished by the officers or employees of said Department, shall be a part of the general expense of administration and paid by the Department. ('23, c. 225, §24; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §18.)

6054. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, post.

6055. Sums reappropriated.—Any sums received and paid into the state treasury under any of the provisions of this act are hereby appropriated and made available for disbursement for the purposes and in the manner provided herein. ('23, c. 225, §26; Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §19.)

6056. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½.

6057-½. Laws repealed.—(a) Chapters 148 [6057-1] and 245 [6057-2], Laws 1931, and the following numbered Sections of Chapter 225, Laws 1923: Section 6 [6035], Section 8 [6037] as amended by Section 1, Chapter 226, Laws 1925, Sections 13 [6042] and 14 [6043], Section 15 [6044] as amended by Section 5, Chapter 244, Laws 1925, and Sections 17 [6046], 25 [6054] and 27 [6056], and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

(b) All rights and obligations heretofore arising, vested or accrued under the provisions of Chapter 225, Laws 1923, or any amendment thereof, or under Chapters 148 [6057-1] and 245 [6057-2], Laws 1931, and all remedies for the enforcement thereof, shall remain unimpaired and are hereby confirmed. (Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20.)

6057-½ a. Effective July 1, 1933.—This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1933; provided, however, that a Conservator may be appointed and the appointment confirmed prior to July 1, 1933, but he shall not assume office until that date. (Act Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §21.)

6057-1. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, ante.

6057-2. [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 22, 1933, c. 429, §20, effective July 1, 1933. See §6057-½, ante.

6057-3. Farm mortgage loans by rural credit department limited.—The power and authority of the Department of Rural Credit to make rural credit loans is hereby limited to the making and completion of all such loans applications for which have heretofore been approved by the Rural Credit Bureau; but the aggregate amount of the loans so to be made shall not exceed \$600,000. All said loans and the disbursement by the Department of the proceeds thereof shall be completed before July 1, 1933; provided, that where the proceeds of said loans or of any rural credit loans heretofore made are withheld pending the making of improvements on the mortgaged premises, the moneys so withheld may be disbursed after June 30, 1933, by

the Rural Credit Bureau, or its successor. (Act Apr. 21, 1933, c. 386, §1.)

Requirement that all loans and disbursements shall be completed before July 1, 1933, is directory merely, especially with respect to loans that cannot be closed before that date due to irregularities in title. Op. Atty. Gen., May 25, 1933.

Refinancing of an existing loan is not making of a rural credit loan, and is permissible. Id.

Power of rural credit bureau to issue bonds is not affected by this act. Op. Atty. Gen., June 26, 1933.

6057-4. Refundment of fees paid—Appropriation.—The Department of Rural Credit is hereby authorized to refund all fees heretofore paid it by applicants for rural credit loans and covered into the State Treasury where expense has been incurred by the Department in connection with said application and the application is still pending and has not been acted on by the Bureau. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Rural Credit Expense Fund available therefor such sum as may be required for the making of such refunds. (Act Apr. 21, 1933, c. 386, §2.)

Sec. 3 of Act Apr. 21, 1933, cited, provides that the act shall take effect from its passage.

THE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ACT

6104. Misdemeanor—Breach of marketing contract, etc.

Whether suggestion to members of co-operative that another co-operative can handle milk with larger return to farmer is an attempt to induce breaking of marketing contract, is a question of fact. Op. Atty. Gen., Feb. 25, 1933.

ACCOUNTING OF CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS

6122. County board to incur expenses.

County board may rescind appropriation and county auditor may retransfer funds. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan. 16, 1933.

6124. Appropriations to be expended by, etc.

Funds provided for the maintenance of county co-operative extension service in agricultural and home economics cannot be used to pay the compensation of a caretaker for land donated under Laws 1925, c. 13 [§§669-12, 669-13]. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan. 15, 1930.

6125. County budget committee.

Funds provided for the maintenance of county co-operative extension service in agriculture and home economics cannot be used to pay the compensation of a caretaker for land donated under Laws 1925, c. 13 [§§669-12, 669-13]. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan. 15, 1930.

MISCELLANEOUS

6131-1. Indians to raise and harvest wild rice in certain lakes.—The exclusive right of collecting wild rice on lower Rice Lake in Clearwater County is hereby granted the Chippewa Band of Indians residing in the State of Minnesota, and the Indians and all other persons are hereby prohibited from the shooting of migratory birds on said lake during each season until the Indians have completed their rice collecting operations; provided, that such date of completion of rice collecting operations shall be determined by the Commissioner of Game and Fish and a Council appointed by the Band of Chippewa Indians so engaged in collecting of the rice upon said lake. (Act Mar. 30, 1929, c. 120, §1.)

See §§5556-1 to 5556-4.

6131-2. Water level to be maintained.—The existing water level in said lake shall not be changed by any public or private agency so as to interfere with the growth or harvesting of wild rice in said lake. (Act Mar. 30, 1929, c. 120, §2.)

6131-3. Provisions severable.—The provisions of this act shall be severable, and if any provision shall be held invalid it shall not affect any other provision hereof. (Act Mar. 30, 1929, c. 120, §3.)

Act Apr. 15, 1933, c. 276, provides that counties having area of over 5,000 square miles and assessed valuation of over \$200,000,000 may provide free seed to amount not to exceed \$25,000 for each of years 1933 and 1934.

6139-10. Terms unlawfully used.

Potato tags containing information that they have been "certified" by shipper or "inspected" by shipper

violate this section, where no inspection has been had under this act. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan. 31, 1933.

6139-12. Prosecutions for violations of law.

Wholesale dealers shipping potatoes in violation of labeling act should be prosecuted in county where potatoes are loaded and billed. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 21, 1933.

INSPECTION OF NURSERIES, NURSERY STOCK, PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS—QUARANTINES—INSECT OR ANIMAL PESTS AND PLANT DISEASES

6145-1. Inspection of nurseries.—The state entomologist employed by the commissioner of agriculture is hereby designated as state inspector of nurseries and is authorized, either himself or by deputies duly appointed by him, to inspect all premises in Minnesota where nursery stock is grown or held for sale, and further to inspect all orchards or any premises whatsoever within the state, where he has reason to suspect the presence of injurious insects or injurious and contagious plant diseases. Nursery stock shall be regarded as including all field-grown plants (except herbaceous annuals) of any kind, also trees, field-grown shrubs, vines, cuttings, buds, grafts and scions. For this purpose he or his deputy or deputies shall have free access to any field, ground, packing ground, buildings, cellars, orchard, garden, elevator, warehouse, freight or express office or car, freight yard, vehicle, vessel, boat, container, and other places where the carrying out of the provisions of this act shall make necessary. The state inspector of nurseries is empowered and required to grant certificates upon request to such nurseries as he may find free from injurious insects and contagious plant diseases. Such certificates shall be good for one year unless revoked by him. This inspection of nurseries shall take place between May 1st and September 30th and at such other times as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this act. Nurserymen or others having stock to inspect shall make application to the state nursery inspector for the inspection of stock so far as practicable on or before May 1st of each year. It shall be the duty of the inspector or his deputy to make the inspection as soon thereafter as possible.

For inspection of nurseries the fee shall be \$10.00 per annum for inspection of strawberry plants, evergreens, herbaceous plants, bulbs and roots; \$15.00 for inspection of other small fruit plants together with any or all of the plants mentioned heretofore; \$25.00 for inspection of general nursery stock including any or all of the plants mentioned heretofore. The determination of the charge or fee as per above schedule by the state inspector shall be conclusive on the question of amount of fee that shall be paid. The fee for inspection shall be paid at time of inspection or not later than April first following the date when inspection is completed and before a certificate is granted. If a dangerous insect pest or plant disease is found by the inspector on the premises inspected, and if in his judgment such pest or disease can be eradicated, he may direct the owner or his representative in writing what means shall be employed; in case any trees, shrubs or plants are so infested that treatment would be ineffectual he may direct the owner or his representative to have them destroyed. Said order shall be issued in writing. If the order be not obeyed within ten days after service thereof, the state inspector shall cause the work to be done and render to the owner or persons in charge an itemized bill of the cost; and if such cost shall not be paid within sixty days thereafter the bill shall be reported to the County Attorney, who shall forthwith collect same in civil action in the name of the state and shall turn same over to the State Treasurer to be credited to the inspection fund.

Whenever the state inspector of nurseries is requested to perform or supervise any inspection, fumigation or other service for which a fee or charge is not otherwise provided, he may charge and collect for such

inspection or other service performed, two dollars for each carload or fraction thereof, lot, orchard or planting. Said fee shall be collected from the person making application and shall be paid within sixty days from date of said service. The necessary traveling expenses of the inspector shall be paid by said applicant in addition to the prescribed fee unless said service can be performed at a time when the inspector is in the same vicinity for the performance of his regular duties. ('27, c. 108, §1; Mar. 9, 1929, c. 59, §1.)

Greenhouse crops or plants grown in greenhouse proper or otherwise, including herbaceous annuals, are taxed as other property and not exempt. Op. Atty. Gen., July 10, 1933.

6145-5. Inspection of nursery stock—certificate.—All nursery stock transported from any point or points in the State of Minnesota to other points within the state must be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection on the outside of each package. All nursery stock sold or offered for sale shall be in a sound healthy condition and shall be stored or displayed under conditions which will maintain its vigor. Nursery stock which is dead or so seriously weakened by drying, excessive heat or cold, or any other condition that in the judgment of the state inspector of nurseries or his deputy it will be unable to grow with normal vigor when given reasonable care shall not be sold or offered for sale. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or to offer for sale any nursery stock which has not within one year been officially inspected and found free from dangerous insect pests and plant diseases. ('27, c. 108, §5; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 365, §1.)

6145-6. Common carriers must not accept stock not tagged.—Railroad and express companies and all common carriers are hereby prohibited from accepting stock not tagged with certificate as above stated and must promptly notify the shipper. If the shipper does not furnish a certificate, such companies shall report said fact with the name and address of party offering said stock for shipment to the state inspector. ('27, c. 108, §6; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 365, §2.)

6145-8. Must obtain dealers certificate before sale.—Any person, firm or corporation before offering for sale nursery stock not grown by said person, firm or corporation, must obtain from the state inspector of nurseries a dealer's certificate unless otherwise granted a regular certificate of inspection, such dealer's certificate to be granted to such person, firm or corporation for nursery stock purchased from any inspected nursery or for foreign nursery stock inspected in this state. Such dealer's certificate must be obtained whether or not such nursery stock is actually owned by said person, firm or corporation except that this provision shall not apply to any bona fide agent of a nursery or bona fide agent of a dealer in nursery stock. The certificate or duplicate copy thereof shall be displayed in prominent manner at each place where such nursery stock is offered for sale. All dealer's certificates shall expire September 15 of each year. The fee for issuing dealer's certificate as provided herein shall be \$10.00 and an additional fee of \$5.00 shall be paid for each additional branch store or other premises where such nursery stock is offered for sale by said person, firm or corporation, except that any landscape gardener or landscape architect before offering for sale such nursery stock shall obtain a dealer's certificate upon payment of a fee of \$5.00. Only such persons, firms or corporations who plant all the nursery stock they furnish or sell to their clients shall be entitled to secure a certificate as a landscape gardener or landscape architect.

Provided, that before such certificate is granted, the person, firm or corporation requesting the same shall furnish a sworn affidavit that said person, firm or corporation will buy and sell only nursery stock which has been inspected by an official state inspector

and that said person, firm or corporation will maintain with the state inspector of nurseries a list of all sources from which nursery stock is secured. ('27, c. 108, §8; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 365, §3.)

Dealer's certificate is issued to the person and he may offer for sale at several places under one certificate. Op. Atty. Gen., Apr. 20, 1929.

The license of a dealer in nursery stock cannot be revoked for his act in purchasing uninspected nursery stock for sale. Op. Atty. Gen., July 29, 1930.

A person working in, or connected with a store to which nursery stock has been consigned for sale, by a nursery, is not a bona fide agent of a nursery, and must procure a dealer's certificate. Op. Atty. Gen., May 29, 1933.

6145-9. Violations—penalties.—Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act or of any quarantine order, rule or regulation issued hereunder, or who shall neglect or refuse to comply therewith, or with any notice issued hereunder, shall, except as hereinbefore otherwise provided, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and his certificate may be forthwith suspended, revoked or cancelled by the state inspector of nurseries upon five days' notice and opportunity to be heard. ('27, c. 108, §9; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 365, §4.)

NOXIOUS BUSHES AND WEEDS

6146. Certain bushes declared nuisance.

174M457, 219NW770.

6155. Destruction of noxious weeds on public highways.

Moorhead city ordinance respecting trees and grass plots along the public streets, and the cutting of weeds and grass, held faulty as to compelling a man to cut grass on a street or alley. Op. Atty. Gen., Apr. 10, 1931.

6157. Local weed inspectors.

173M598, 218NW562.

Town chairman acting as local weed inspector is not entitled to receive compensation or expenses until the completion of the year's work and the filing of the report referred to in §6160, and the obtaining of the certificate of the Commissioner. Op. Atty. Gen., July 23, 1931.

Local weed inspector in town is entitled to expenses of two or three trips to a farm if necessary in securing destruction of noxious weeds. Op. Atty. Gen., Sept. 30, 1932.

6161. Notices—Expenses—Lien.

173M595, 218NW562.

Officer rendering services in connection with destruction of weeds in a township outside of an incorporated village should present his verified itemized statement to county auditor, who would pay him and extend amount thereof on tax books against land, but if services were performed within village or city, statement would be furnished clerk of such municipality and he would issue order for payment and certify amount thereof to county auditor, who would extend amount on tax books. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 29, 1932.

6163-1. Appropriation for extermination of noxious weeds.—The commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food, hereafter referred to as commissioner, is hereby authorized and it shall be his duty to execute this law, and to that end he may make and enforce such regulations as in his judgment shall be necessary; he shall investigate the nature and extent of Austrian field cress in this state, and to that end may require information from any party or parties, public officer or official as to the presence of Austrian field cress and possible means for its eradication. For the purpose of performing his duties and exercising his powers herein he may enter, or have someone for him enter, upon any and all lands in the state and take such samples of Austrian field cress, soil or other material needed for said investigation and eradication of said noxious weed, and to these ends he may from time to time publish and circulate information through the press, publish bulletins and other publications.

It shall be the duty of the commissioner to take such steps as in his judgment may be necessary to place lands infested with the said Austrian field cress under his control for purposes of study and of practicing methods of eradication of Austrian field cress thereon. He shall have the authority to cooperate

with local township and county boards, with individuals and other state officials in the exercise of his duty as herein described. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 387.)

6164-1. County weed inspector may be appointed.—The Board of County Commissioners, whenever requested by the Commissioner of Agriculture, may appoint by resolution one or more county weed inspectors whose duties and powers shall be the same as those of a local weed inspector, and who shall supervise the work of such local weed inspectors and cooperate with them. (Act Apr. 26, 1929, c. 399, §1.)

6164-2. County board may fix compensation.—Such appointment shall be for full time employment for a period of not less than two months between the 15th day of May and 15th day of October next following and the Board of County Commissioners shall fix the compensation of said county weed inspectors and they shall be allowed their traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out their work, such compensation and expense allowed be paid out of the county general Revenue Fund. (Act Apr. 26, 1929, c. 399, §2.)

6164-3. May employ assistants.—Such county weed inspectors shall, with the approval of the county board, have power to employ necessary help to assist in eradicating weeds and such help shall be compensated as provided in Chapter 377 of the Session Laws of 1925. [§§6151-6164] (Act Apr. 26, 1929, c. 399, §3.)

STATE TESTING MILL

6166. State testing mill.

State mill can be used only for testing and scientific purposes, and sale of surplus or by-products is merely incidental. Op. Atty. Gen., Apr. 11, 1933.

6168. Sale of products.

State board of control has no authority to pay more for flour produced by mill than it can be bought for in open market. Op. Atty. Gen., Apr. 11, 1933.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

6197. Definition—License—Bond.

Indemnity bond given by grain commission merchant is governed by the same rules of construction as are ordinary life and fire insurance policies. 178M136, 226NW396.

Contract held one of sale and factorage, and the contract was not invalid for uncertainty. 47F(2d)458.

The consignors are the proper persons to bring suit against surety company for breach of conditions of a commission merchant's bond. Op. Atty. Gen., Feb. 26, 1932.

\$25,000 bond permits sale of hay and straw as well as grain and \$8,000 bond is required only where activities are limited to hay and straw. Op. Atty. Gen., July 1, 1933.

6200. Statement to consignor.

Indemnity bond given by grain commission merchant is governed by the same rules of construction as are ordinary life and fire insurance policies. 178M136, 226NW396.

6202. Suit on bond, etc.

Provisions relative to filing of an affidavit with the commission are directory and not mandatory and suit may be instituted on the bond without such filing. 178M136, 226NW396.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE DEALERS

6240-1 to 6240-18 [Repealed].

Repealed Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §18, post, §6240-18½q.

6240-6.

In action on bond given under G. S. 1923, §6226, where a surety admitted execution of the bond and offered a settlement exclusive of interest, held that general denial was properly stricken as sham and frivolous. 173M613, 216NW792.

6240-13.

Ammon v. W., 183M71, 235NW533.

6240-18½. Dealers at wholesale.—For the purposes of this act any person who shall buy or sell or contract to buy or sell, or who shall handle in wholesale lots for the purpose of resale, or who shall handle on account of or as an agent for another, any produce as herein defined, and any person who shall similarly

engage in the business of assembling and trucking produce without an established place of business, shall be deemed a dealer at wholesale. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §1.)

One who hauls and sells eggs for an association of farmers and charges commission of 20c per case is required to have a wholesale dealer's license. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 20, 1933.

A produce company established for purpose of buying farm produce as subsidiary to a large store company is a wholesale dealer required to obtain license. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 28, 1933.

Law is just as applicable to out of state companies as domestic companies and one making purchases in state must obtain license and bond, though he makes no sales here. Op. Atty. Gen., June 22, 1933.

One acting as inspector of butter for foreign corporation and authorized to tell producers what company will pay for butter in New York but not authorized to enter into any contracts is not a wholesale dealer. Op. Atty. Gen., July 14, 1933.

Creamery that buys its milk and cream from farmers and manufactures same into butter is required to take out wholesaler's license. Op. Atty. Gen., Sept. 27, 1933.

6240-18½ a. Definitions.—The term "produce" as used in this Act shall mean and include the natural products of the farm, except hay, grain, straw and livestock, other than veal; the natural products of the orchard, vineyard, garden and apiary, raw and manufactured; the raw and finished products of the dairy, creamery, cheese factory, condensory and dry milk factory; the products of livestock, including wool, mohair, skin, hides, and meats; veal; poultry and poultry products; game and fish; and the timber products of the farm produced upon farms and sold as part of the farming operations thereof.

(a) The term "person" shall mean an individual, firm, co-partnership, corporation or association.

(b) The term "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dairy and Food of the State of Minnesota.

(c) The term "voluntary extension of credit" shall be construed to mean an agreement between the seller and the licensee wherein the time of payment for the purchase price of produce is extended beyond the due date.

(d) The term "due date" shall mean seven days from the date of delivery of produce by the seller to the licensee in the case of a sale; in all cases where produce is consigned seven days from the date the sale is made by the broker or handler, except as to creameries where the due date shall mean fifteen days following the monthly day of accounting subsequent to deliveries following the date fixed by each creamery for such accounting. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §2.)

"Due date" means 15 days following day selected by particular creamery as day upon which payment shall be made on account of preceding deliveries. Op. Atty. Gen., Jan. 30, 1933.

Acceptance of postdated check constituted an act of extending voluntary credit providing datings were beyond due date. Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 20, 1933.

6240-18½ b. Dealers must be licensed.—No person shall engage in, or purport to be engaged in, or hold himself out as being engaged in the business of a dealer at wholesale, or as being a dealer at wholesale, as defined in this Act, unless he shall be licensed to carry on such business by the Commissioner. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §3.)

Wholesale dealer's license is necessary for broker dealing in fish. Op. Atty. Gen., May 19, 1933.

6240-18½ c. Licenses—fees—bonds.—License to engage in the business of a dealer at wholesale within the State of Minnesota shall be issued by the Commissioner to such reputable persons as shall apply therefor, pay the prescribed fee and comply with the conditions herein specified, to-wit:

(a) The application shall be in writing accompanied by the prescribed fee, and under oath and shall set forth the place or places where the applicant intends to carry on the business for which the license is desired, the estimated amount of business to be done monthly, the amount of business done during the preceding year, if any, the full names of the persons

constituting the firm, in case the applicant is a partnership, the names of the officers of the corporation and where incorporated, if a corporation, and a financial statement showing the value and character in a general way of the assets and the amount of liabilities of the applicant.

(b) The applicant shall execute and file with the Commissioner a bond to the State of Minnesota with sureties to be approved by the Commissioner, the amount and form thereof to be fixed by the Commissioner, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as a dealer at wholesale, provided that any and all bonds heretofore executed and filed with the commissioner by dealer at wholesale containing substantially the requirements of this act are hereby confirmed and approved, for the observance of all laws relating to the carrying on of the business of a dealer at wholesale, for the payment when due of the purchase price of produce purchased by him when notice of default is given the commissioner within ten days after the due date; provided that the bond shall not cover transactions wherein it appears to the commissioner that a voluntary extension of credit has been given on said produce by the seller to the licensee beyond the due date, for the prompt settlement and payment of all claims and charges due the State of Minnesota for services rendered or otherwise, for the prompt reporting of sales, as required by law, to all persons consigning produce to the licensee for sale on commission and the prompt payment to the persons entitled thereto of the proceeds of such sales, less lawful charges, disbursements and commissions. Such bond shall cover all wholesale produce business transacted in whole or in part within the State of Minnesota, and the license, or a certified copy thereof, shall be kept posted in the office of the licensee at each place within the state where he transacts business. All licenses shall expire May 31 of each year. The fee for each license shall be five dollars, and for each certified copy thereof one dollar. Whenever the licensee shall sell, dispose of or discontinue his business during the lifetime of his license, he shall at the time such action is taken notify the Commissioner in writing, and shall upon demand produce before the Commissioner a full statement of all assets and liabilities as of the date of transfer or discontinuance of said business.

(c) The applicant shall file with the Commissioner a schedule of his commissions and charges for services in connection with produce handled on account of or as agent for another. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §4.)

Marketing division on receiving duplicate license need not erase name so as to transfer it to another agent at another place, but should issue new duplicate license and collect fee therefor. Op. Atty. Gen., Aug. 23, 1933.

(a.) Commissioner of agriculture has authority to recover property statement from sureties on bond. Op. Atty. Gen., June 6, 1933.

(b.) Claim against licensee must be given to commissioner within 17 days after delivery. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 2, 1933.

6240-18 ½ d. Commissioner may require additional bonds.—The Commissioner, whenever he is of the opinion that any bond theretofore given by any licensee is inadequate for the proper protection of the public, may require the licensee to give additional bonds in such amounts as from time to time he may determine and direct, with sureties to be approved by the Commissioner and conditioned as heretofore set forth. For the purpose of fixing or changing the amount of such bonds the Commissioner may require from a licensee verified statements of his business, and if the licensee fails to furnish such information or to furnish a new bond when directed by the Commissioner so to do, the Commissioner may forthwith suspend and after ten days' notice and opportunity to be heard revoke his license. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §5.)

6240-18 ½ e. Aggrieved parties may file complaint with commissioner.—Any person claiming himself to be damaged by any breach to the conditions of a bond given by a licensee as hereinbefore provided may enter complaint thereof to the Commissioner, which complaint shall be a written statement of the fact constituting said complaint. Upon filing such complaint in the manner herein provided, the Commissioner shall investigate the charges made, and at his discretion order a hearing before him, giving the party complained of notice of the filing of such complaint and the time and place of such hearing. At the conclusion of said hearing the Commissioner shall report his findings and render his conclusion upon the matter complained of to the complainant and respondent in each case, who shall have 15 days following in which to make effective and satisfy the Commissioner's conclusions. And if such settlement is not effected within the time aforesaid, either party, if aggrieved by any condition of the bond may upon first obtaining the approval of the Commissioner commence and maintain an action against the principal and sureties on the bond of the party complained of as in any civil action, provided no action against the bondsmen of a licensee shall in any instance be maintained without the written approval of the Commissioner, which shall be attached to and made a part of the original complaint in such action. Upon commencing such action a copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner. The record of the hearing before the Commissioner shall be competent evidence in any court having jurisdiction. If such licensee has become liable to more than one person by reason of breaches of the conditions of the bond and the amount of the bond is sufficient to pay the entire liability to all persons entitled to the protection of the bond, the penalty of the bond as against the sureties shall be apportioned among the several claimants. In all cases where the liability of the licensee exceeds the amount of his bond, the Commissioner shall commence an action for the recovery of the full amount of said bond and when recovered such amount shall be deposited with the Commissioner who shall in the same action, subject to the approval of the court, pass upon and allow or disallow all claims which may be presented to him for payment or apportioned thereunder, and to effect the purposes herein may employ counsel, the expense thereof to be paid out of the amount recovered on such bond. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §6.)

Department of agriculture cannot enforce NRA code. Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 19, 1933.

Wholesale dealer is allowed to file with mortgaging division a list of creditors from time to time with idea of holding that office responsible for claims which might arise because of creditors going into receivership, but that office may discourage its use as collection agency by calling a hearing on each complaint. Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 20, 1933.

6240-18 ½ f. Commissioner to establish grades.—The Commissioner shall have power to establish grades on all produce as herein defined, and when deemed necessary, shall provide for inspecting and grading produce subject to sale, at such marketing points within the state as the Commissioner may designate, and provide for the issuing of certificates of inspection showing the grade, quality and conditions of such produce, and may charge and collect a reasonable fee therefor, a schedule thereof to be adopted and published from time to time. Such certificates of inspection shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of this state as to the grade, quality and condition of such produce at the time such inspection was made. Whenever any person having produce desires to have it inspected he may apply to the Commissioner for the service of an inspector or inspectors, and if it shall appear to the Commissioner that the volume of such produce is sufficient to justify such request, he may grant such service upon terms and conditions to be fixed by him, provided, however, that any inspection service so ordered and maintained shall be

self-supporting. The Commissioner may require a deposit prior to the establishment of such inspection service in amount equal to the costs thereof as estimated by him, and he may further require that such deposits be renewed from time to time in such manner that a permanent account shall be maintained, sufficient at all times to pay the costs of such inspection service for a period of not less than 15 days in advance. Moneys placed in the hands of the Commissioner for the purpose aforesaid shall be placed in a separate account to be known as the "Produce Inspection Account" and the sums such persons shall contribute to each account shall be kept separate on the books of the Commissioner. No moneys shall be paid from said account for inspection services rendered to any person in excess of the moneys on hand accredited to his account. Said money shall be deposited in the state treasury in the same manner as other departmental receipts are deposited and shall be credited to the account herein created and shall be paid out only upon order of the Commissioner. Whenever any such agreement shall terminate by action of either party thereto, the Commissioner shall withdraw from such account the full amount of all such bills payable for services rendered, and shall return to the depositor any moneys remaining to his credit at the time such agreement terminates. Any sums deposited in the state treasury under the provisions of this act are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth herein. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §7.)

6240-18½g. Dealers may file brands or labels.—Any person producing or manufacturing, or handling in this state any of the products mentioned in this act, except cheese and butter, and preparing, packing and offering the same for sale, may file with the commissioner a brand or label which shall thereafter be the exclusive property of said applicant, and he may place upon said brand or label such descriptive or locative matter as shall be approved by the commissioner. The commissioner may issue to such applicant for brands and labels a permit to use the same subject to such regulations and restrictions as to quality of product so branded as the commissioner may determine. Said brand or label shall be recorded in the office of the commissioner, and any person who shall without authority of the commissioner use any such brand or label, or shall brand and label therewith products or commodities of a quality below the standard permitted under the brand or label, shall be subject to the penal provisions of this act. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §8.)

6240-18½h. May secure inspection certificate.—Whenever produce is ready for sale, or is on its way to market, the owner thereof or the conveyor, or the prospective buyer, or any other interested party may call for and shall be entitled to inspection of such produce and to an inspection certificate as provided for in Section 7 [§6240-18½f] of this act. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §9.)

6240-18½i. Produce shall be examined in certain cases.—Whenever produce is shipped to or received by a dealer at wholesale for handling, purchase or sale in this state at any market point therein giving inspection service as provided for in Section 7 [§6240-18½f] of this act, and said dealer at wholesale finds the same to be in a spoiled, damaged, unmarketable or unsatisfactory condition, unless both parties shall waive inspection before sale or other disposition thereof, he shall cause the same to be examined by an inspector assigned by the commissioner for that purpose, and said inspector shall execute and deliver a certificate to the applicant thereof stating the day and the time and place of such inspection and the condition of such produce and mail or deliver a copy of such certificate to the shipper thereof. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §10.)

6240-18½j. Shipments on consignment.—Whenever any dealer at wholesale to whom produce has

been shipped or consigned for sale on a commission basis or on consignment or under any circumstances wherein the title to said produce remains with the shipper, has received the same, he shall within a reasonable time thereafter make a written report to the shipper, which report shall include the exact time of arrival, quantity, quality and price per unit of the produce, and at the same time he shall pay the shipper the net amount due him. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §11.)

6240-18½k. Shipper may complain to commissioner.—Whenever a shipper, after demand therefor, shall have received no remittance or report of sale, or shall be dissatisfied with the remittance, sale or report, he may complain in writing to the commissioner, who shall investigate the matter complained of. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §12.)

6240-18½l. Commissioner to investigate complaints.—Said commissioner is authorized to receive complaints against any persons dealing in, shipping, transporting, storing or selling produce, and shall have authority to make any and all necessary investigations relative to the handling of or storing, shipping or dealing in produce at wholesale, and he shall at all times have access to all buildings, yards, warehouses, storage and transportation facilities in which any produce is kept, stored, handled or transacted. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this act, the commissioner shall have the authority, upon complaint being filed with him for any alleged violation of the provisions of this act or the regulations issued thereunder, or upon information furnished by an inspector of the Department of Agriculture, to forthwith suspend and upon ten days' notice and opportunity to be heard, revoke and cancel any license issued by him, and the commissioner shall have the power to revoke or cancel the license of any dealer who shall violate any of the provisions of this act. He shall have and is hereby granted full authority to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses before him of books, papers and other documents, articles or instruments, and compel the disclosure by such witnesses of all facts known to them relative to the matter under investigation, and shall have full authority to administer oaths, and to take testimony; and the commissioner shall thereafter give the complainant a written report of the investigation. Such report shall be prima facie evidence of the matters therein contained. All parties disobeying the orders or subpoenas of said commissioner shall be guilty of contempt as in proceedings in district courts of the state and may be punished in like manner. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §13.)

6240-18½m. Commissioner to make rules and regulations.—The commissioner shall have power and it shall be his duty from time to time to make and publish uniform rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for carrying out and enforcing the provisions of this act and governing the rates charged by and the buying, selling, advertising and trading practices of dealers at wholesale, which rules and regulations shall be filed in the office of the commissioner, and published twice in a legal newspaper of general circulation published at the capital of the state, and from and after the tenth day succeeding the date of the last such publication, such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law. An affidavit of such publication shall be kept on file in the office of the commissioner. A copy of such rules and regulations, certified by the commissioner shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained, and of the due making and publication of such rules and regulations. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §14.)

Commissioner should promulgate a rule to display truck plate on trucks used in selling produce as well as trucks used in buying produce. Op. Atty. Gen., May 18, 1933.

6240-18½n. May cooperate with the United States department of agriculture.—The commissioner may cooperate with the United States Department of Agri-

culture and with other Federal authorities and with the state and municipal authorities of this and other states, and do and perform such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying out the purpose of this act. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §15.)

6240-18 ½ o. Violations—penalties.—Any person subject to the provisions of this act who shall:

(a) Operate or advertise to operate as a dealer at wholesale without a license; or

(b) Make any false statement or report as to the grade, condition, markings, quality or quantity of produce received or delivered, or act in any manner so as to deceive the consignor or purchaser thereof; or

(c) Refuse to accept any shipment contracted for by him, unless such refusal is based upon the showing of a state inspection certificate secured with reasonable promptness after the receipt of such shipment showing that the kind and quality of produce is other than that purchased or ordered by him; or

(d) Fail to account for produce or to make settlement therefor within the time herein limited; or who shall violate or fail to comply with the terms or conditions of any contract entered into by him for the purchase or sale of produce; or

(e) Purchase for his own account any produce received on consignment, either directly or indirectly, without the consent of the consignor; or

(f) Issue any false or misleading market quotations, or who shall cancel any quotations during the period advertised by him; or

(g) Make or collect any commission or charge in excess of that shown in his schedule filed with the commissioner; or

(h) Increase the sales charges on produce shipped to him by means of "Dummy" or fictitious sales; or

(i) Receive produce from foreign states or countries for sale or resale, either within or without the

state, and give the purchaser the impression through any method of advertising or description that the said produce is of Minnesota origin; or

(j) Whoever shall violate any provisions of this Act or any rule or regulation made or published thereunder by the commissioner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and his license may be forthwith suspended, revoked or cancelled by the commissioner upon ten days' notice and opportunity to be heard; but upon conviction of any such offense, or upon conviction of any federal court for violation of the federal statutes relative to the fraudulent use of the mails or of other criminal acts pertaining to the conduct of his business, it shall be the duty of the commissioner forthwith to revoke and cancel the license of the person so convicted. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §16.)

6240-18 ½ p. Commissioner to enforce act.—The Commissioner shall be charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this Act and of the rules and regulations made and published thereunder. Upon complaint made it shall be the duty of the county attorney to prosecute all cases arising in his county for violation of this Act or of the rules or regulations made and published thereunder. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §17.)

Wholesale dealers shipping potatoes in violation of labeling act should be prosecuted in county where potatoes are loaded and billed. Op. Atty. Gen., Mar. 21, 1933.

6240-18 ½ q. Law repealed.—Chapter 427, General Laws 1927 [§§6240-1 to 6240-18], and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed. (Act Apr. 25, 1931, c. 394, §18.)

6241. Commissioner of agriculture authorized to make investigations.

Powers conferred upon the Commissioner under this section are not applicable to any investigation which the Commissioner may institute under §10390. Op. Atty. Gen., Oct. 15, 1931.

CHAPTER 39

Bounties and Rewards

6254. Bounties on wolves.—(a) Every person who shall kill a wild wolf in this state, not having at the time spared the life of any other such wolf he could have killed, shall upon compliance with the provisions of this act, be rewarded in the sum of fifteen dollars for each adult animal and six dollars for each cub, to be paid by the state out of the revenue fund or such other funds as may be appropriated therefor by law.

(b) Any county board may add to such reward and appropriate county funds therefor.

(c) For the purposes of this act any wolf killed before September 1st of the year in which it was born shall be deemed to be a cub, and any wolf killed on or after said date, if physically mature, though not full grown, shall be deemed to be an adult wolf. (R. L. '05, §2397; '07, c. 381, §1; G. S. '13, §5197; '23, c. 103, §1; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 368, §1.)

6255. Claim when and how made.—(a) Within thirty days after the killing, the claimant shall produce the entire carcass of the animal in the presence of two witnesses, to the clerk of the town, wherein the animal was killed, or, if the animal was killed in unorganized territory, to the nearest town clerk in the same county, and shall make and deliver to the town clerk a written statement of his claim under oath, in duplicate, describing the animal as adult or cub, as the case may be, specifying the time and place of the killing thereof by the claimant, and stating that he did not on that occasion spare the life of any wild wolf he could have killed. All animals produced at any one time shall be included in one statement.

(b) The clerk shall examine each carcass produced in the presence of witnesses, and shall make such further investigation as may be necessary to

verify the statements of the claimant. For the purposes of such investigation the clerk may examine under oath with respect to any pertinent matter the claimant and any other persons having knowledge of the facts, and may attach a statement of such investigation and examination to the statement of the claim. The toes of both front feet of the animal shall then be removed in the presence of the clerk and the two witnesses.

(c) The claimant may then remove the hide, including the scalp and ears, and shall then bury, destroy, or otherwise properly dispose of the remainder of the carcass. (R. L. '05, §2398; G. S. '13, §5198; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 368, §2.)

6256. Town clerk to issue certificate.—The town clerk, if satisfied that the statements of the claimant are true, that the requirements of the law have been complied with, and that the claimant is entitled to the reward claimed, shall make a certificate in duplicate so stating, and specifying that the requirements of the preceding section have been complied with. Both duplicates of the certificate shall be attested by the two witnesses and one shall be attached to each duplicate of the statement of the claim. All animals produced at any one time shall be included in one certificate. Both duplicates of the certificate and statement shall be delivered to the claimant, who shall pay a fee of thirty-five cents therefor. The clerk shall keep a record of all certificates issued by him, showing the date of issuance of each certificate, name of claimant, number and kind of animals killed, and date and place of the killing thereof. (R. L. '05, §2399; '07, c. 298; G. S. '13, §5199; Apr. 25, 1931, c. 368, §3.)