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*House of Representatives.*

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*Right Hon. Mr. Coates.*

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for the Promotion and Organization of Scientific Research, and for its Application to the Primary and Secondary Industries of New Zealand. Title.

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Scientific and Industrial Research Act, 1926. Short Title.

10 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation.

“ Council ” means the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research constituted by this Act :

“ Department ” means the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research established under this Act :

15 “ Minister ” means the Minister of the Crown for the time being charged by the Governor-General with the administration of this Act.

20 3. There is hereby established a Department of State to be called the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, which, under the control of the Minister, shall have the administration of this Act and such other functions as may from time to time be lawfully conferred upon it. Establishment of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

4. There shall from time to time be appointed a Permanent Secretary of the Department (who shall be the administrative head thereof) and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. Appointment of officers.

25 5. (1.) The Department shall be charged with the maintenance and administration of such scientific services and laboratories as may be transferred to it, or as may be hereafter created or established and placed under its charge. Functions of the Department.

30 (2.) It shall also be the duty of the Department to advise the Government on all questions of policy relating to scientific matters that may be referred to it.

Advisory Council.

6. There is hereby established an Advisory Council to be called the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Council shall consist of a Chairman and not more than six other members (not being officers in the service of the Government), who shall be appointed by the Governor-General for a term not exceeding *four* years, save that any such member may be reappointed or may at any time be removed from office by the Governor-General, or may resign his office by writing addressed to the Minister. 5

Meetings of Council.

7. (1.) Meetings of the Council shall be held at such times and places as the Council, with the approval of the Minister, may from time to time appoint, provided that such meetings shall be held at intervals not exceeding three months in any case. 10

(2.) At all such meetings four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

(3.) The Permanent Secretary of the Department shall by virtue of his office be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings of the Council, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat. 15

(4.) Save as provided herein the Council shall determine its own procedure.

Functions and duty of Council.

8. (1.) It shall be the duty of the Council— 20

(a.) To consider and report to the Minister upon the scientific aspects of all proposals made to the Department for the encouragement and organization of scientific and industrial research :

(b.) To submit annually to the Minister a programme of the work with estimates of the cost thereof, for each of the scientific institutions and services under the control of the Department : 25

(c.) To make recommendations as to the expenditure of money by the Department in grants for purposes of scientific research : 30

(d.) To advise the Government on the scientific aspects of any proposals made by any other Department of State, and referred to the Council for its consideration and recommendations.

(2.) Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Council may appoint such committees as it deems necessary to investigate and report on the work of any of the scientific laboratories, services, and institutions administered by the Department. Any such committee may consist wholly or partly of persons not being members of the Council. 35 40

Payment of allowances and expenses of Council and of committees.

9. The members of the Council or of any committee as aforesaid, not being persons in the service of the Crown, shall be paid such allowances as may be lawfully appointed, and all travelling-expenses reasonably incurred by them in respect of attendance at meetings of the Council or of a committee, as the case may be, or in transacting the business thereof. 45

Discoveries by officers.

10. (1.) All discoveries, inventions, and improvements in processes, apparatus, and machines made by officers of the Department, or by persons in receipt of any grant made by the Department for purposes of scientific research, and arising out of such research, shall be vested in the Crown as its sole property, and shall be made available for use on such conditions, including the payment of fees, royalties, or other moneys, as the Minister from time to time determines. 50

(2.) There may be paid to any officer of the Department or other person as aforesaid, in respect of any such discovery, invention, or improvement, such amount by way of bonus or grant as may be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose.

5 11. The Department may charge such fees and may agree to such conditions as it thinks fit for special investigations carried out at the request of any authority, institution, association, firm, or person.

Fees and agreements for special investigations. •  
National Research Scholarships.

10 12. (1.) The Governor-General may, on the advice of the Council, make regulations for the establishment and award, emoluments, and tenure of scholarships to be called National Research Scholarships.

(2.) Such scholarships shall be awarded to graduates of the University of New Zealand or other qualified persons for the purpose of enabling them to carry out independent research in any branch of science.

15 (3.) A due proportion of such scholarships shall be awarded for the purpose of encouraging research in connection with matters relating to the industries of New Zealand.

20 (4.) All moneys payable in respect of scholarships under this section shall be paid out of moneys to be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, and, subject to such appropriation, the Minister of Finance shall pay the amounts from time to time payable to or on account of the holders of National Research Scholarships.

(5.) Sections twenty-nine and thirty of the New Zealand University Amendment Act, 1914, are hereby repealed.

Repeals.

25 13. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make all such regulations as may be required for the purposes of this Act.

Regulations.