

CHAPTER 149

An Act Respecting Licences to cut Hard Woods

1. This Act may be cited as The Hardwood Veneers Act.

Short title.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may issue licences to cut birch and witch-hazel timber upon Crown Lands for the purpose of manufacturing veneers, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth or provided for.

Respecting licences to cut hard woods.

3.—(1) Every such licence shall vest in the licensee the sole and exclusive right to cut such timber upon the area described in the licence for the purpose of such manufacture; but shall not prevent any other person than the licensee from entering upon the said lands and from cutting such timber for any other lawful purpose than the manufacturing of veneers.

Effect and conditions of licence

- (2) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may refuse to grant such licence unless he is satisfied that the applicant therefor is prepared to establish a factory for the manufacture of veneers as aforesaid, and that the said applicant has furnished satisfactory proof that he is of sufficient financial standing to prosecute such enterprise.
- (3) No licence under this Act for an area within the three mile limit shall be granted until after three months' notice has been given in *The Newfoundland Gazette* and one other newspaper of the intention of the applicant to make application therefor.
- (4) No licence shall be granted in respect of any particular area within the three mile limit if a petition *bona fide* signed by at least forty per centum of the residents in such area and

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of those persons who are accustomed to cut hard woods therein for the purpose of shipbuilding is received by the Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources protesting against the issue of such licence.

Penalty for cutting tree under certain size.

4. No tree of less diameter at the base than eight inches shall be cut under such licence, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each such tree cut.

Rules governing licences **5.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make rules and and regulations, to be published in *The Newfoundland Gazette*, governing the period of such licences, the amount and payment of rents and royalties payable by licensees and generally as to matters and things in respect of such licences not otherwise provided for.

Application of provisions of Crown Lands Act.

6. The provisions of The Crown Lands Act relating to licences to cut timber and concerning applications for licences, the conditions upon which they shall be granted, the survey of limits, the forfeiture of licences and recovery of penalties, and generally as to timber limits, shall, so far as they may be applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, apply to the granting and holding of licences under this Act.

Penalty for ilegal exportation.

7. No holder of a licence under this Act shall take or carry away for exportation from the lands licensed, any trees, logs or timber of birch or witch hazel unless and until the same have been manufactured into veneer or sawn into the shape and size requisite for such manufacture, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for every tree so cut and taken away.