



CHAPTER 8

An Act respecting the forestry fund

[Assented to 18 June 1980]

HER MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Québec, enacts as follows:

“forestry
fund”.

1. A special fund is hereby established under the name of “forestry fund”.

Funding.

2. The forestry fund shall be funded with the amounts collected by the Minister of Energy and Resources in accordance with section 6 and the amounts paid into it by the Minister of Finance out of the sums voted every year for that purpose by the Legislature.

Minister
respon-
sible.

3. The Minister of Finance is responsible for the management of the forestry fund.

Objects.

4. The forestry fund and the revenues yielded by it shall be applied to the financing of works intended for maintaining, improving and increasing the production of ligneous matter on public forest land to ensure a permanent supply.

Decisions.

For that purpose, the Minister of Energy and Resources shall decide the nature and place of interventions related to forestry according to the productivity of the sites, the availability of ligneous matter, the distance of the sources of supply and the guarantees already granted.

Payments.

5. At the request of the Minister of Energy and Resources and with the approval of the Government, the Minister of Finance shall pay, out of the forestry fund, the sums required for the planning and carrying out of the works.

Duties. **6.** The holder, under any title, of a licence or permit to cut timber issued under the Lands and Forests Act (R.S.Q., c. T-9) shall pay to the Minister an amount which cannot exceed \$1 per cubic metre of wood cut by him on public land.

Supplement. He shall also pay to the Minister, for each cubic metre of wood, a supplementary amount in respect of an increase in supply in ligneous matter granted to him pursuant to this act in a region where the Minister of Energy and Resources considers that the potential of forest exploitation for the year has already been entirely granted.

Exception. This section does not apply to the holders of permits or licences to cut timber for domestic purposes.

Regulations. **7.** The Government may make regulations

(1) to fix the amount payable under the first paragraph of section 6;

(2) to fix the amount payable under the second paragraph of section 6 based on the cost of the development of the whole region concerned;

(3) to determine the time and terms and conditions for the payment of the amounts provided for in section 6.

Publication and coming into force. The regulations shall be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and they come into force on the date of their publication or on any later date fixed therein.

Annual statement. **8.** During the fiscal period 1984-1985 and, thereafter, every five years, the Minister of Energy and Resources shall draw up a statement of the condition of forests in Québec and table it before the National Assembly of Québec if it is in session or, if it is not, within thirty days of the opening of the next session or resumption.

Coming into force. **9.** This act will come into force on the date to be fixed by government proclamation.