

“Timber materials” means any materials, or goods capable of being used in or for the purposes of the business of any proprietor; and includes timber and manufactured timber products; and also includes any tools, machinery, plant, or equipment capable of being used in or for the purposes of any such business; and also includes any patent rights relating to any timber materials:

“Owner” in relation to any timber materials, includes any person having the timber materials in his possession or control or on order by him.

REGULATION 2.—TIMBER CONTROLLER.

(1) The Minister may from time to time appoint a Controller, to be known as “the Timber Controller.”

(2) The Controller shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(3) The Controller shall be subject in all things to the control of the Minister, and shall act in accordance with all directions, general or special, given to him by the Minister.

(4) The general functions of the Controller shall be to exercise control over the manufacture and distribution of timber and manufactured timber products in the public interest, and for that purpose to determine the precedence and order of emergency of such manufacture and distribution and to exercise control over the supply of materials and spare parts which proprietors may require.

REGULATION 3.—CONTROL OF FORESTS.

(1) Except with the precedent consent of the Controller, no person shall—

- (a) Sell or contract for the sale of any forest; or
- (b) Purchase or contract for the purchase of any forest; or
- (c) Grant or contract to grant a lease or demise of any forest; or
- (d) Accept or contract to accept a lease or demise of any forest; or
- (e) Grant or contract to grant any *profit à prendre* or license to fell standing timber; or
- (f) Accept or contract to accept any *profit à prendre* or license to fell standing timber.

(2) The provisions of the last preceding clause shall not apply to any dealing with land, including forest, unless the land is covered with standing trees to such an extent as not to be immediately and substantially available for agricultural or grazing purposes, nor to any demise or lease of land including forest or any contract therefor under which the lessee is not permitted to fell standing timber except for use or consumption on the premises.

(3) The Controller may, by notice in writing to any person, direct that person to sell his estate and interest, or any specified portion of his estate or interest, in any forest to such proprietors as the Controller may nominate, the price and payment to be settled by arbitration as provided by the provisions of the principal regulations relating to payment for supplies and services, and all other terms of sale to be such as the Controller may deem equitable.