

PC. 12-68

Department of the Interior.



Canada.

Ottawa,

4th May, 1917.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

The Undersigned has the honour to refer to the Order in Council dated the 5th day of March, 1917, P.C. No. 572, and to recommend that under and in virtue of the provisions of the War Measures Act 1914, Clauses 3, 4 and 5 of the said Order in Council be rescinded, and that the following Clauses be made and enacted in lieu thereof:-

"3. No company shall acquire or hold any of the rights, powers or benefits hereinbefore referred to if such company be an alien enemy company, or registered in an alien enemy country, or having its principal place of business within such country, or if the chairman of such company or any of the directors are subjects of an alien enemy country, or if such company is controlled, either directly or indirectly, by an alien enemy or alien enemies, or by an alien enemy corporation or alien enemy corporations.

"4. Any alteration in the Memorandum of Articles of Association, or in the constitution, or in the laws of any company holding any rights, powers or benefits hereinafter referred to shall be reported by the proper officer of the Company to the Minister of the Interior, and two months previous notice in writing shall be given to the Minister of the Interior of the intention to make any alteration which might conceivably, either directly or indirectly, affect the character or control of any such company, and if, in the opinion of the Minister of the Interior, the said alteration shall be contrary to the cardinal principle that the said company shall be and remain a company not of alien enemy origin or control, the Minister of the Interior may refuse his consent to such alteration, and if his refusal is not obeyed, may declare such company to be an alien enemy company and may cancel the said rights, powers and benefits under the provisions of the next following regulation.

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5. If any company which has acquired any right, power or benefit hereinbefore referred to shall, at any time, become subject to the control of an alien enemy or alien enemies, or an alien enemy corporation or corporations, or shall assign any of the rights, powers or benefits aforesaid, without the consent in writing of the Minister of the Interior being first had and obtained, or if the said right, power and benefit has been acquired through error, misrepresentation or fraud, the Minister of the Interior may cancel the grant of such right, power or benefit and thereupon the same shall ipso facto be cancelled and any moneys or fees paid to or deposited with His Majesty shall be ipso facto forfeited to His Majesty."

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. J. Roche".

Minister of the Interior.

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