

TREE CULTURE.

CHAPTER 187.

[H. B. No. 22—Scheer.]

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AN ACT to Promote Forest Tree Culture.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. BOUNTY FOR TREE PLANTING.] That any person who shall hereafter plant, cultivate and keep in a growing, thrifty condition one acre and not more than ten acres of prairie land with any kind of forest trees and shall plant or have planted said trees not more than eight feet apart each way shall be entitled to three dollars for each acre so planted and cultivated to be deducted annually from the taxes levied against real estate comprising of eighty acres, one hundred sixty acres or three hundred twenty acre farm as the case may be upon which said trees are growing, but such bounty shall not be paid unless such grove shall have at least four hundred living trees on each acre so maintained and kept in growing condition.

§ 2. Every person planting such forest tree or trees suitable for hedge in rows as boundary lines along the public highways or on any other portion of his premises which rows shall contain not less than two living trees to each rod and who shall in other respects comply with the provisions of this act shall annually receive a bounty at the rate of two dollars for every eighty rods of each row in length; provided, however, that no bounty shall be paid or deduction allowed under the provisions of this act for a longer period than five years upon any one tract or row of trees.

§ 3. PROOF OF PLANTING.] Any person wishing to secure the benefit of this act shall during the month of June next after expiration of one year after planting such grove, row or rows of trees and annually thereafter file with the county auditor or clerk of the county in which the same is located, a correct plat of the land describing the section or fraction thereof on which said grove, row or rows have been planted or cultivated and shall make due proof of such planting and cultivation as well as of title to the land by oath of the owner and the affidavit of two freeholders residing in the vicinity setting forth the facts in relation to the growth and cultivation of the grove, row or rows of trees for which such bounty is demanded; provided, this act shall not apply to any railroad company for planting trees within two hundred feet of its track for the

purpose of making a snow fence, nor to any trees planted upon land held and acquired under the timber culture laws of the United States.

§ 4. EXAMINATION AND REPORT OF ASSESSOR.] It is hereby made the duty of the assessor of every town or county at the time of making his assessment to ascertain whether or not trees have been planted by any land owners in his town or county and for which compensation is claimed under this act and in case trees have been planted and such compensation is claimed the assessor shall personally examine the grove or line of trees and make report to the extent and conditions thereof according to the prescribed form, the same to be returned to the county auditor with the other returns and assessment book.

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TRUSTS.

CHAPTER 188.

[H. B. No. 178—Sheils.]

ANTI-TRUST LAW.

AN ACT Defining Trusts and Conspiracy Against Trade, Declaring Contracts in Violation of the Provisions of This Act Void, and Making Certain Acts in Violation Thereof Misdemeanors, and Prescribing the Punishment Therefor and Matters Connected Therewith.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. DEFINING TRUSTS.] That a trust is a combination of capital, skill or acts by two or more persons, firms, corporations, or associations of persons, or two or more of them for either, any or all of the following purposes: First. To create or carry out restrictions in trade. Second. To limit or reduce the production, or increase or reduce the price of merchandise or commodities. Third. To fix at any standard or figure, whereby its price to the public shall be in any manner controlled or established, upon any article or commodity of merchandise, produce or manufacture intended for sale, use or consumption in this state; or to establish any pretended agency whereby the sale of any such article or commodity shall be covered up or made to appear to be for the original vendor, for a like purpose or purposes, and to enable such original vendor or manufacturer to control the wholesale or retail price of any article or commodity after the title to such article or commodity shall have passed from such vendor or manufacturer. Fourth. To make or enter into, or examine or carry out any contract, obligation or agree-