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BILL.

An Act to fix the Time and Place for the Meeting of Parliament, and for other Purposes.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Time and Place of Meeting of the Provincial Parliament should be established by Law, and not left to the discretion of the Executive Government: Be it therefore enacted, &c. Preamble.

5 And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the three next Sessions of the Parliament of this Province shall be held at the City of Toronto, the first whereof shall begin on the last Tuesday of February next, and the two succeeding Sessions on the second 10 Tuesday of November in each year. Three next Sessions when and where to be holden.

II. And be it enacted, That no future Parliament shall be dissolved during the period for which it shall be elected, nor shall any Session thereof be prorogued until ninety days after the opening thereof, unless upon an 15 Address of each House desiring an earlier prorogation: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor General, by Proclamation under the Great Seal, to call Parliament together at any other Time or Place, in case of invasion, or the existence of any public 20 calamity to be named in such Proclamation as the cause of such temporary departure from the provisions of this Act. Parliament not to be dissolved; nor prorogued before the Session has lasted 90 days, except on Address of both Houses. Proviso as to cases of invasion or public calamity.

III. And be it enacted, That no Member shall receive any allowance for his attendance in Parliament beyond 25 the said Period of 90 days and that the Speaker shall not receive more than *three* times as much as any other Member. Allowance to Members and Speaker limited.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Public Accounts and Estimates of Moneys required for the Public Service, other 30 than such as shall have been established and theretofore appropriated by Act of Parliament then in force shall, by the Inspector General, be laid before both Houses on the second day of each Session, with a full Report of the Financial State of the Province. Public Accounts &c., to be laid before Parliament on the second day of each Session.