
BILL.

An Act to amend "The Indian Act."

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Indian Act:" Preamble.
Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and R.S.C., c. 43
consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, amended.
enacts as follows:—

1. The Superintendent General, may, from time to time, Determina-
upon the report of an officer, or other person specially ap- tion of mem-
pointed by him to make an enquiry, determine who is or bership of
who is not a member of any band of Indians entitled to band.
share in the property and annuities of the band; and the
decision of the Superintendent General in any such matter
shall be final and conclusive, subject to an appeal to the
Governor in Council.

2. The Superintendent General, his deputy, or other per- Enquiries into
son specially authorized by the Governor in Council, shall Indian affairs.
have power by subpoena issued by him to summon any Power to sum-
person before him and to examine such person under oath mon and ex-
in respect to any matter affecting Indians, and to compel the amine on
production of papers and writings before him relating to oath.
such matters; and if any person duly summoned neglects
or refuses to appear at the time and place specified in the
subpoena upon such person duly served, or refuses to give
evidence or to produce the papers or writings demanded of
him, may, by warrant under his hand and seal, cause such
person, so refusing or neglecting, to be taken into custody
and to be imprisoned in the nearest common gaol, as for
contempt of court, for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

3. Sub-section five of section twenty-six of the said Act
is hereby repealed and the following sub-section is sub- Section 26
stituted therefor:— sub-section 5
repealed, and
new sub-sec-
tion substitut-
ed, as to
license by
Superinten-
dent General
for certain
purposes,
with consent
of band.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to pre-
vent the Superintendent General from issuing a license to
any person or Indian to cut and remove trees, wood, timber
and hay, or to quarry and remove stone and gravel on and
from the reserve, if he, or his agent, acting by his instruc-
tions, first obtains the consent of the band thereto in the
ordinary manner, as hereinafter provided; should, however,
it appear to be in the interest of the band owning the re-
serve that such a license should be issued, to prevent the
timber from being burned or otherwise destroyed, the same
may be done on the authority of an order of the Governor
Proviso.