

the debt, and shall invest or cause to be invested the dividends, interest, or annual produce arising from such investment, so that the same may accumulate by way of compound interest.

XIII. All sums paid to the account of the Sinking Fund, and all interest or produce arising therefrom, shall be invested under Trustees in the purchase of Imperial or Colonial Government securities. The nature of such securities, and the selection of such Trustees, shall be left to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. Investment of Sinking Fund

XIV. Provided nevertheless that it shall be lawful for the said Governor, from time to time, to authorize the Agents General for the time being for Crown Colonies, or the said Treasurer of the said Colony for the time being, to repurchase the said Debentures to the amount of such moneys as the said Governor may, by any Proclamation hereafter to be issued and passed by him, or out of the current Revenue of the Colony, appropriate for that purpose, and for the Trustees of the said Sinking Fund to make use thereof, for the purpose of withdrawing Debentures from the market by purchase, and all debentures so repurchased shall be forthwith cancelled and destroyed, and no re-issue of Debentures shall be made in consequence of such purchase and destruction. Repurchase of Debentures.

XV. From and after the date of any and every such repurchase of Debentures as last aforesaid, the amount then payable to the Sinking Fund shall be, from time to time, reduced in exact proportion to the amount of Debentures, for the time being remaining unredeemed, and any moneys remaining in the said Sinking Fund, after the loan hereby sanctioned is fully paid and satisfied, shall be forthwith paid over to the Treasurer, and accounted for as General Revenue. Proportionate reduction of Sinking Fund.

XVI. It shall be lawful for any Trustees, Executors, Administrators, or Guardians having the disposition of any trust moneys, to purchase any such Debentures, by and out of trust moneys; and every such purchase shall be deemed a due investment of such trust moneys. Trust Moneys.

XVII. It shall not be necessary for the said Colonial Treasurer, Agents General, or any other person, acting for or in behalf of the Government of the said Colony, to notice, or regard, or enquire into any trust to which any Debentures shall be liable, or the rights or authority of any one being the actual holder or bearer of any such Debentures, as aforesaid; but payment to the actual holder or bearer thereof, or his lawful Agent, shall be deemed in all cases due payment, unless otherwise specially agreed in writing, by and under the hand of the Treasurer, Agents General, or other person acting as aforesaid, for the time being, entrusted with the sale of such Debentures. Non-recognition of Trusts.

XVIII. Any person who shall forge or alter, or shall utter, or dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Debenture made out and issued under this Act, shall be guilty of Felony, and being thereof convicted, shall be imprisoned for any period not exceeding three years, with or without hard labour, at the discretion of the Judge before whom any such person shall be tried and convicted. Forgery. Felony.

XIX. This Act may be cited as "The British Columbia Loan Act, 1863." Short Title

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver
 { L. S. } Island, this 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and sixty-three, and in the twenty-sixth year of Her
 Majesty's reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS,

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.