

in accordance with the provisions of their respective charters, for Provincial notes. The Receiver General shall, moreover, pay to such Banks the half of the estimated cost of their unissued notes.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in entering into any such arrangement with any such Bank, to provide either for the immediate or gradual surrender of its power to issue notes, extending, in the latter case, over a period not exceeding twelve months. But in case of such gradual surrender the exchange of Provincial notes or Provincial Debentures, held under its existing Charter, shall be made to such Bank only in equal proportion to the amount of notes actually redeemed, as shown by the monthly returns.

4. From the date of any such agreement with any Bank, it shall not be required to hold any Provincial Debentures as now provided by law.

5. Every Bank, surrendering its power to issue notes, shall make a weekly return of its notes redeemed and of those still outstanding. The compensation above authorized shall be paid half-yearly upon the amount redeemed, computing the same from the average of the weekly returns for the half year, until the amount so redeemed, shall equal 9-10ths of its circulation as at 30th April last, when it shall be entitled to receive compensation upon the full amount.

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, over and above the five millions hereinbefore authorized, and the amount necessary to redeem the Debentures held by the Banks surrendering their circulation, to cause Provincial notes to be issued to the amount of their notes withdrawn from circulation, and also to any Chartered Bank in this Province, from time to time, upon its requisition and upon payment for the same.

7. The sum in specie to be held for the redemption of the Provincial notes, shall be twenty per cent. upon the amount outstanding, so long as the whole amount in circulation does not exceed five millions. For any additional amount of notes in circulation beyond five millions, so long as the whole amount shall not exceed ten millions, twenty-five per cent. shall be held in specie; and for any excess over ten millions, but not exceeding fifteen millions, thirty-three and one-third per cent. and for any excess over fifteen millions, fifty per cent. on such excess shall be held in specie. But Provincial Debentures shall be issued against the Provincial notes to the full extent by which the specie held in reserve fails to cover the whole amount of notes in circulation.

8. A return of the whole amount of Provincial notes in circulation, and of the specie held for their redemption, shall be made to the Audit Office, on each alternate Wednesday, which shall be published by the Auditor in the *Canada Gazette*.

9. It shall be lawful for the Governor General to establish branches for the Receiver General's Department in *Montreal* and *Toronto*, for the issue and redemption of the Provincial notes; or he may make arrangements with any Chartered Bank or Banks for the issue and redemption of the notes, allowing a commission not exceeding one quarter per cent. upon the average circulation of every three months.

10. It shall be lawful for any Bank, which may have surrendered its power to issue notes, to resume the same according to the provisions of its Charter, upon giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the Receiver General, and publishing such notice in the *Official Gazette*. Provided always, that such Bank so resuming its power to issue notes, shall cease, from the expiration of such notice, to receive compensation, and shall be bound to repay to the Receiver General the Provincial notes received by it in exchange for Provincial Debentures. Such Debentures to be again delivered to and held by such Bank as provided in its Charter, before it shall be lawful for such Bank to resume the issue of notes.

11. The proceeds of the said Provincial notes shall form part of the Consolidated Fund of this Province, and the expenses lawfully incurred under the foregoing provisions shall be charged upon and paid out of the said fund.

The Clerk of the Legislative Council delivered, at the Bar of the House, the following Message:—

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment;

Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide a fund towards defraying expenses incurred for matters necessary to the efficiency of the Registry Laws of Lower Canada."