

An Act to amend the Laws relating to Public Works.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make certain alterations in the Preamble provisions of the Acts regulating the Public Works of this Province; Be it enacted, &c.,

That notwithstanding the provisions contained in the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works," and in another Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act intituled, 'An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works,'" it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Public Works, if they shall deem it expedient, and when thereunto required by the parties bringing claims in any of the cases mentioned in the said Acts, to refer the said claims or any of them to Arbitrators other than the Provincial Arbitrators appointed under the said Acts, which said Arbitrators shall be appointed in the manner following, that is to say:—

Notwithstanding 9 V. c. 37, or 10 11 c 24, Arbitrators may be appointed otherwise than is provided by the said Acts.

The claimant or claimant shall appoint one Arbitrator, the Chief Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner of Public Works shall appoint another Arbitrator, and the said two Arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third Arbitrator, and in case of disagreement the said third Arbitrator shall be appointed by a Judge of any Court of Record upon the request of either of the said two Arbitrators, and the said three Arbitrators so appointed shall have the same powers and authority, for the examination and decision of the said claim or claims, and for the commanding the attendance of and summoning before them, hearing, swearing and examining of witnesses, and requiring the production of all papers and documents as the said Provincial Arbitrators appointed by virtue of the Act first above cited, have or might have.

Mode in which arbitrators may be appointed.

II. And be it enacted, That every witness summoned by the said Arbitrators to be appointed under this Act, who shall neglect or refuse to appear before the said Arbitrators, or to be sworn or to answer to the interrogatories put to him, or who shall refuse to

Their powers. Penalty on witnesses not attending, &c.