

be held for securing the redemption thereof, shall hereafter be such, and such only, as is authorized by the following sections of this Act.

3. Dominion notes to the amount of five million dollars, or such greater amount as may be authorized as hereinafter mentioned, may be issued and remain outstanding at any time, on the security of debentures of the Dominion and specie, equal together to a like amount, and of which not more than eighty per cent. shall be debentures; such debentures and specie to be held by the Receiver General for the redemption of such notes.

Amount of Dominion Notes, and how secured.

4. The amount of Dominion notes to be issued and outstanding may be, from time to time, increased to an amount not exceeding nine million dollars, on like security of debentures and specie equal together to the amount of notes so issued and outstanding, by order in Council founded on a report of the Treasury Board, such increase being so authorized for amounts not exceeding one million dollars at one time, and at intervals of not less than three months, and no such increase being authorized unless the Receiver General then holds specie to the amount of one-fourth of the aggregate amount of such increase and of the debentures already held by him as aforesaid; nor shall the amount of nine millions be so authorized, unless the Receiver General then holds specie to the amount of two million dollars: and the Receiver General shall always, as a rule, hold specie to the amount of twenty-five per cent. of the debentures to be held by him as aforesaid, and shall, under no circumstances, hold a less amount of specie than fifteen per cent. of such debentures; the amount of debentures and specie so held for securing the redemption of the said notes, being, together, never less than the amount of notes then issued and outstanding; and if the amount of such specie should at any time fall below twenty-five per cent. of the amount of such debentures, it shall be the duty of the Receiver General, without delay, to increase the proportion of specie to at least twenty-five per cent. of the amount of debentures.

How the amount may be increased. Conditions.

Proportion of specie and debentures to be held for redemption of notes.

5. Debentures of the Dominion may be issued and delivered to the Receiver General, for the purposes of this Act, and to enable him to comply with its requirements, such debentures being held as aforesaid, for securing the redemption of Dominion notes, and the Receiver General having full power to dispose of them, either temporarily or absolutely, in order to raise funds for that purpose, or for procuring the amounts of specie required to be held by him under this Act; but nothing in this Act shall be construed to permit the issue of debentures not otherwise authorized by Parliament, or any increase of the public debt, beyond the amount authorized by Section five of the Act of Supply, passed in the Session held in the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter one.

Debentures to be delivered to Receiver-General for the said purpose.

Proviso.

6. If any amount of Dominion notes be issued and outstanding

Any further amount to be issued against at specie only.