

CAP. IV.

An Act to indemnify the Members of the Executive Government and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public Money, without Parliamentary grant, occasioned by the sending of an expeditionary force to Manitoba, in 1871.

[Assented to 14th June, 1872.]

WHEREAS it appears, that by reason of certain troubles in Preamble.
the Province of Manitoba, in the year 1871, it became unavoidably necessary for the Executive Government to authorize the expenditure of the sum of money hereinafter mentioned in sending an expeditionary force to the said Province, without any Parliamentary grant authorizing such expenditure; and that, under the provisions of the thirty-fifth section of the Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter five, and intitled: "*An Act respecting the Collection and Management of the* ^{31 V., c. 5, s. 35.} *Revenue, the Auditing of Public Accounts, and the Liability of Public Accountants,*" upon the report of the Minister of Militia and Defence, that a sum of one hundred thousand dollars was urgently required to meet such expenditure, and upon the report of the Minister of Finance, that no Parliamentary provision was made for such expenditure,—an Order in Council was passed, bearing date the seventeenth day of October, 1871, whereby His Excellency the Governor-General was advised to issue a Special Warrant, signed by himself, for the sum aforesaid, and such Special Warrant was accordingly so signed and issued by His Excellency for the said sum, which the Receiver-General was thereby directed to place to his credit in a special account, in conformity to the Act above cited, out of and against which all warrants, duly signed and attested by the proper officers, and certified by them to be for the said service, were directed to be paid and charged; and it appears further that out of the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the sum of sixty-two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and seventy-two cents, was so paid, charged, and expended for the service aforesaid; And whereas, full detailed accounts of the sums so expended up to, the thirty-first day of March now last, inclusive, have been laid before Parliament in the statement of the Auditor-General, hereinafter mentioned; And whereas, the Auditor-General, in obedience to the thirty-fifth section of the Act above cited, prepared a statement containing a copy of the said Order in Council, and of the Special Warrant, and an account of the expenditure incurred in consequence thereof, and delivered the same to the Minister of Finance, who laid them before Parliament on the third day of the present Session, as required by the Act and section aforesaid, so that all the requirements of the law in the premises have been complied with; And whereas, it is expedient under the circumstances above mentioned, to indemnify the several
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