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An Act to amend the Act of 1858, to make more advantageous provision for the redemption of Provincial Debentures and the Consolidation of the Public Debt.

HEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act hereinafter Proumble. mentioned: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in the Act The Provinpassed in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign, inti- cial Stock untaled, An Act to make more advantageous provision for the 84, may bear redemption of Provincial Debentures and the Consolidation of any rate of the Public Debt, and for other purposes, the Canadian Conso-interest not

10 lidated Stock therein mentioned shall bear such rate of interest, over 5 per not exceeding five per cent per annum, as the Governor in Council shall deem most advantageous for the Province: and When it may such Stock shall not be paid off in less than twenty years from be paid off, first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine,

15 but may be paid off at or after the expiration of that term at the option of the Provincial Government, provided previous notice of not less than three nor more than six months, shall have been given to that effect in the London Gazette in England under an order of the Governor in Council, authorizing

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2. For any purpose for which the said Stock may under the Bonds may be

said Act be disposed of or issued to any party, the Governor in issued instead Council may, instead of such Stock, cause Provincial Bonds to be issued bearing interest payable half yearly at a rate not 25 exceeding five per cent per annum, but the principal whereof shall not be paid off in less than twenty years from their respective dates, but may be paid off at or after the expiration of that term at the option of the Provincial Government, provided When they previous notice of not less than three nor more than six months may be paid 30 shall have been given to that effect in the London Gazette in England under an order of the Governor in Council authorizing such notice; and the holder of any such Bond shall always be May be ex-

entitled to have it exchanged for an equal amount at par of the changed for said Provincial Stock, allowing for interest then accrued on Stock.

3. The Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Governor in Finance to determine from time to time the terms upon which Council may authorize Finthe said Provincial Stock or Bonds may be disposed of or ance Minister exchanged for outstanding Provincial Debentures, as mentioned to dispose of 40 in the second section of the Act hereby amended, having due Bonda