

3. When was each of such elevators constructed?

4. What was the cost of each of such elevators?

5. By whom were the said elevators designed?

6. What money compensation was paid for such designs?

7. By whom were the plans and specifications for the construction of each of such elevators prepared?

8. What money compensation was paid for the preparation of such plans and specifications?

9. By whom was each of such elevators constructed?

10. Who supervised the construction of each of such elevators?

11. What money compensation, if any, was paid for such supervision?

12. Are any of such elevators equipped with special hoppers?

13. If equipped with such special hoppers, by whom were such hoppers designed, what money compensation was paid for such designs, and what was the cost of such equipment?

14. Is any royalty being paid in connection with hopper equipment used in such elevators?

15. If so, what is the amount of such royalty, to whom is it paid, and what was the amount paid during each year since such equipment was placed in the several elevators?

## BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT RELATING TO TAXATION AND GUARANTEE OF PROVINCIAL DEBTS

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice) moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, in the following words:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:  
Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada in parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty praying that you may graciously be pleased to give your consent to submitting a measure to the parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1930, and the British North America Act, 1907, and that such measure be expressed as follows:—

An act to amend the provisions of the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1930, relating to taxation and to enable the government of Canada to guarantee debts of the provinces of Canada.

Whereas an address has been presented to His Majesty by the Senate and Commons of Canada requesting the enactment of the provisions hereinafter set forth:

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present parliament, assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) Section ninety-two of the British North America Act, 1867, is amended by adding thereto as clause 2A the following:—

2A. Indirect taxation within the province in respect of:—

(i) retail sales, other than of all alcoholic beverages, spirits, malt, tobacco, cigarettes and cigars which are subject to customs and excise duty or tax in Canada or other than of all goods and articles for delivery without the province;

(ii) the patronage of hotels, restaurants and places of amusement or entertainment;

in order to the raising of a revenue for provincial purposes.

(2) The said clause 2A shall be deemed to have retroactive effect with respect to provincial legislation in force at the passing of this act.

2. The parliament of Canada may authorize the government of Canada to guarantee the payment of the principal, interest and sinking fund of any securities (hereinafter called "guaranteed securities") which any province of Canada may from time to time make or issue, and, subject to the provisions of this act may prescribe the terms and conditions upon which any guarantee so authorized shall be given, and the provisions of this act shall, in the event of any such guarantee being given, apply and have full force and effect notwithstanding anything contained in the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1930, the British North America Act, 1907, the parliament of Canada Act, 1875, the Canada (Ontario Boundary) Act, 1889, the Canadian Speaker (Appointment of Deputy) Act, 1895, session 2, or any acts, orders, rules and regulations passed or made thereunder or pursuant thereto establishing a province or admitting a colony or province into the union or affecting the constitutional relationship between Canada and a province.

3. The legislature of any province of Canada may, with reference to the principal, interest and sinking fund of securities which the province may from time to time make or issue, authorize the government of the said province to enter into an arrangement with the government of Canada whereby the government of Canada shall guarantee the payment of the principal, interest and sinking fund of such securities.

4. (1) For the purpose of securing Canada against loss resulting from the giving of a guarantee under the authority of this act, the government of Canada, whenever in its opinion any default has occurred in respect of any payment on account of principal, interest or sinking fund of the guaranteed securities, may:

(a) withhold any payment to the province on account of any grant payable by the government of Canada to the province for its local purposes or for the support of its government and legislature or on account of interest in respect of its public debt or in lieu of public lands or on any other account whatsoever;

(b) effect payment in whole or in part of any such grant by payment direct to a creditor of the province of any amount owing to such creditor on account of the guaranteed securities. In this and the next succeeding paragraph "creditor" shall include a trustee of a sinking fund;

(c) out of any revenue received or collected by the government of Canada or any department or officer thereof for or on behalf of the province, make payment direct to a creditor of the province of any amount owing to such creditor on account of the guaranteed securities.