

## C A P . X I I .

## An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada.

[Assented to 21st December, 1867.]

Preamble.

**H**ER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Department and Minister of Public Works.

**1.** There shall be one Department of Public Works for Canada, over which the "Minister of Public Works" for the time being, appointed by commission under the Great Seal of Canada, shall preside and have the management and direction of the Department, and shall hold office during pleasure.

Deputy, Secretary, Chief Engineer and other officers.

**2.** The Governor may also appoint a Deputy of the Minister of Public Works, who shall be Chief Officer of the Department, a Secretary for the Department, a Chief Engineer, and such other officers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department, all of whom shall hold office during pleasure.

Temporary Engineers, &amp;c.

**3.** The Governor may also appoint from time to time as many Engineers, Superintendents, and other Officers as he may deem necessary, for the construction, maintenance, use, and repair of Public Works and Buildings, and may at his pleasure remove them or either of them.

Duties and power of the Deputy.

**4.** It shall be the duty of the said Deputy, and he shall have authority, (subject always to the Minister,) to oversee and direct the other officers and servants of the Department; he shall have the general control of the business of the Department, and such other powers and duties as may be assigned to him by the Governor in Council, and in the absence of the Minister and during such absence, may suspend from his duties any officer or servant of the Department who refuses or neglects to obey his directions as such Deputy.

Duties of the Secretary.

**5.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary, unless otherwise directed in any case by the Minister, to keep separate accounts of the moneys appropriated for, and expended on each Public Work and building; to submit the said accounts to be audited in such manner as may be appointed by the Governor in Council; to have charge of all plans, contracts estimates, documents, titles, models, and other like things relating to any such work or building; to keep proper accounts with each contractor and other person employed by the Department; to see that all contracts are properly drawn out and executed;