

Deputy Heads of Departments.

14. The Officers mentioned in Schedule A to this Act, shall be appointed under the Great Seal, and shall be respectively the Deputy Heads of the Departments also mentioned in the said Schedule, and shall receive such salaries respectively as may be assigned to them by the Governor in Council as hereinafter provided :

Who shall be, and how appointed.

Salaries.

In the absence of any Deputy Head, the Head of the Department may empower any Officer or Chief Clerk thereof, to perform the duties of such Deputy Head ;

Absence of Deputy Head.

It shall be the duty of the Deputy Head of each Department, and he shall have authority (subject always to the Head of the Department) to oversee and direct the other Officers, Clerks 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, Clerk or Servant of the Department who refuses or neglects to obey his directions as such Deputy.

Duties and powers of Deputy Heads.

15. As soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, the Governor in Council shall determine the number of Officers or Chief Clerks, and of the Clerks of each class, that are required for the working of the Staff and Outside Service respectively, of each Department, and shall classify the same according to the arrangement so determined ; and such classification shall be submitted to Parliament, not later than the first week of the session of Parliament next ensuing, and the estimates of the following year shall be based thereon ; and after such classification has been submitted to Parliament, no first class Clerk, and no Officer or Chief Clerk shall be appointed, nor shall any person be rated at a salary higher than the maximum of the first class, except (1) upon a vacancy, or (2) upon the creation of an additional first class Clerkship or Office, or Chief Clerkship, by a special Order in Council, and upon the approval by Parliament of the salary thereunto attached, as a separate item in the estimates of the year in which such first class Clerkship or Office, or Chief Clerkship is created.

Order in Council to limit the number of Officers and Clerks.

Not to be changed except by authority of Parliament.

16. If the number of Clerks attached to any Department, as Staff or as Outside Service, at the date of such classification by Order in Council, and entitled according to the amounts of their salaries to rank in any class mentioned in such Order, be greater than the number of such class thereby allowed to the Department, as Staff or as Outside Service, then the Head of the Department shall name the persons to fill the several offices, and the remainder shall be Supernumerary Clerks of

Proviso, if the existing number of Clerks be greater than that allowed by Order in Council.