

On the 12th of April 1892, the following letter was received by the Chancellor of the Exchequer :

Treasury, Victoria, B.C.,

12 April 1892.

Sir,

In conformity with my cablegram to you of this date, I herewith enclose two Acts passed by the Legislature of this Province, viz. :

"1. An Act to authorize an Agreement with her Majesty's Government for the settling of fishermen and others in British Columbia."

"2. An Act to encourage the Deep Sea Fisheries of British Columbia."

And have the honour to inform you that the Government are considering the advisability of sending a representative to confer with the Imperial Government in connection therewith.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. H. Turnor*,
Minister of Finance.

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An ACT to authorise an Agreement with Her Majesty's Government for the settling of FISHERMEN and others in BRITISH COLUMBIA.

WHEREAS a scheme has been suggested for transferring families of fishermen and others (hereinafter termed "Colonists") from the United Kingdom, and settling them upon the sea coast and islands of British Columbia; and whereas an offer has been made by Her Majesty's Government to advance a sum of 150,000 £ to the Province in furtherance of such settlement; and whereas an association has been formed in England having for its object the conducting of negotiations with the Province and the conclusion of a provisional agreement with the Province, which shall allow of and induce the formation of a company in England for the purposes, among other things, of assisting in the settlement of Colonists upon the coasts of British Columbia, and the establishment of fisheries and contingent interests.

And whereas it is advisable that the Government of British Columbia should be authorised to conclude an agreement with Her Majesty's Government for the transfer of not more than twelve hundred and fifty families of Colonists from the United Kingdom to British Columbia, upon the conditions hereinafter contained and upon such other terms as may be concluded between the Lieutenant Governor in Council of this Province and Her Majesty's Government :

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make such arrangements with Her Majesty's Government as may be deemed advisable for bringing families of Colonists from the United Kingdom to British Columbia, not to exceed twelve hundred and fifty families, and for the settling of such Colonists upon lands of the Province, subject always to a condition for termination at any time, should it appear to Her Majesty's Government or to the Government of British Columbia that the measure of success attending the scheme has not been adequate, and that it is therefore desirable to abandon the further carrying out of the same.

2. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to accept from Her Majesty's Government a loan of 150,000 £. in three instalments, each of 50,000 £., the first instalment being payable upon the concluding of the terms of the said agreement; the second instalment to be payable when the first instalment has been expended in settling such number of families as it will provide for, and the third instalment to be advanced when the second instalment has been so expended.