

A Bill to provide for the Public Printing and Legal Advertising.

WHEREAS the aggregate expense or cost of the public printing and binding, and of publishing legal advertisements in the *Canada Gazette*, is rapidly increasing, has of late years become very heavy, and is a subject of general complaint; and whereas there is reason to believe that the adoption of a systematic mode of executing the said printing and advertising, by means of contracts, open to general competition, and renewable at stated periods, would promote economy in the provincial expenditure, effect a considerable annual saving, and, in certain cases, ensure a more speedy performance of the work required, Be it therefore enacted, &c., as follows:—

Preamble.

I. The Provincial Secretary, Inspector General, and Receiver General, who are hereby constituted a Board of Commissioners for regulating the public printing and advertising, shall, in the first week in 1855, give notice, during eight consecutive weeks, in two newspapers printed in each of the Cities of Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, and Hamilton, which to them shall appear to have the widest circulation, that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Provincial Secretary until the day after the eighth publication of said notice, for the executing of the several branches of the Provincial Public Printing, in separate contracts, as hereinafter specified, until the first Monday in January, 1857; and the said Secretary, Inspector General, and Receiver General, shall, on the first week in October, 1856, and biennially thereafter, give notice as above prescribed, during eight consecutive weeks, for the execution of the several branches of the Public Printing, for the term of two years from the first Monday of January next thereafter, which proposals shall distinctly and specifically state the price per thousand ems, for the composition of all Bills, Resolutions or other matter, that may be ordered to be printed in Bill form, the price per thousand ems for the composition of Pamphlets or Reports ordered to be printed in Pamphlet form; the price per thousand ems for the composition of the Journals of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly; the price per thousand ems for the composition of the General Laws; the price per thousand ems for the composition of the local Laws, the price per token for press work of all Bills, Resolutions, or other matter ordered to be printed in bill form; the price per token for press work of all Pamphlets, Reports, or Communications to be printed in Pamphlet form; the price per token for press work for the Journals of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly; the price per token for the press work of the General and Local Laws; the price per token for press work of the volumes of Legislative Documents, and the price per thousand ems for the composition, and the price per quire for press work, of Blanks and Circulars for the Executive Offices, at which the bidder is willing to take the contract bid for; and in such manner as is prescribed in this Act. The Secretary, Inspector General, and Receiver General, shall publish an abstract of this law, stating distinctly each item to be bid for, the character of the work, and the mode of allow-

Annual advertisements for Public Printing.

What the tenders must state.

Abstract of this Act to be published.