



No. 2.

# BILL.

[1860.

## An Act to amend the laws relating to Usury, and to establish a maximum rate of Interest.

**WHEREAS** the removal of the restrictions on the rate of interest Preamble.  
 to be charged for the use of money has been found to work most  
 adversely to the best interests of the community, and it is necessary and  
 expedient that wholesome restraint should be imposed : Therefore Her  
 Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. From and after the passing of this Act, the fifty-eighth chapter of Cap. 58. Con:  
 the "Consolidated Statutes of Canada," shall be and the same is hereby Stat: Canada  
 repealed, except as to contracts made after the Acts 16 Vic., chap. repealed.  
 80, and 22 Vic., chap. 85, came into force and before the passing of Exception.  
 this Act, as to which the said chapter shall continue in force.

II. The interest of money for a loan or forbearance of money, goods, Rate of  
 or things in action, shall be at the rate of *dollars* and no more interest fixed.  
 upon *one hundred dollars*, for a year, and at the same rate for a greater  
 or less sum and for a longer or shorter time.

III. No person or corporation shall directly or indirectly take or No one shall  
 receive in money, goods, or things in action, or in any other way, any take a higher  
 greater sum or greater value, for the loan or forbearance of any money, rate.  
 goods, or things in action, than is above prescribed.

IV. No Bank or Banking Institution doing business within this Pro- No Bank to  
 vince shall directly or indirectly charge, stipulate for, or take a higher take more.  
 rate of interest or discount than is hereinbefore prescribed ; nor shall it Bank charges  
 be lawful for any such Bank or Banking Institution carrying on busi- for agency, &c.  
 ness as such in this Province, in discounting at any of its places of busi- on Bills, &c.,  
 ness, branches, or agencies or offices of discount and deposit, any note, limited.  
 bill, or other negotiable security or paper payable at any other of its  
 offices, agencies, places of business, or offices of discount and deposit  
 within this Province, to receive or retain in addition to the discount any  
 amount exceeding one-eighth of one per cent., or if the note, bill,  
 or other negotiable security be payable at any other place within the  
 Province and at a Bank, office of discount, or other place of business  
 other than belonging to or connected with the Institution at which the  
 discount shall be effected, the charge for commission or agency shall not  
 exceed one-fourth of one per cent.