No. 16.7

## BILL.

Г1869.

## An Act respecting the Department of Finance.

ER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate Preamble. and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :-

1. There shall be a Department of the Civil Service of Canada, to Department be called "The Department of Finance," over which the Minister of Constituted. 5 Finance, for the time being, appointed by the Governor by Commission under the Great Seal of the Dominion, shall preside; and the said Minister shall hold office during pleasure, and shall have the management and direction of the Department.

2. The Department of Finance shall have the supervision, control, Its duties. 10 and direction of all matters relating to the Financial Affairs and Public Accounts Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion, which are not, or in so far as they are not, by law, or by order of the Governor in Council, assigned to any other Department of the Civil Service and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Governor in 15 Council.

3. The Auditor General and the Deputy Inspector General shall be offi- Audit Branch. cers of the Finance Department, and the Board of Audit shall (as by law

cers of the Finance Department, and the Board of Funct shart (as by law provided) perform its duties under the supervision and direction of the Minister of Finance, and all officers and clerks of and in the Depart20 ment of Finance shall respectively have and perform such duties as are or may be hereafter assigned to them by law, or by order of the Governor in Council, or by the Minister of Finance : and such arrangements, Further distribution or union of the various duties, functions and business development of the several branches of the said department or such amalgavolving on the several branches of the said department, or such amalga- may be made.

25 mation thereof or of any of them, may be made, as the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Governor in Council may from time to time direct.

4. There shall be a Board to be called the "The Treasury Board," Treasury which shall consist of the Minister of Finance, the Receiver General, Board, its 30 the Minister of Customs and the Minister of Inland Revenue, and shall act as a Committee of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, on all matters relating to Finance Revenue and Expenditure or Public Accounts, which may be referred to it by the Council, or to which the Board may think it necessary to call the attention of the Council, and shall have

- 35 power to require from any public department, board or officer, or other person or party boundby law to furnish the same to the Government, any account, return, statement, document, or information which the Board may deem requisite for the due performance of its duties: and there shall be a Secretary to the Board to be appointed from time Secretary. 40 to time by the Governor during pleasure, and through whom the Board shall communicate with any Public Department, or officer, or other per-
- son or party; and such Secretary may or may not, as to the Governor may seem fit, hold any other office in the Civil Service.

5. So much of any Act or law as may be inconsistent with this Act, Repeal of 45 or makes any provision in any matter provided for by this Act other enactment. than such as is hereby made, is repealed.