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BILL.

An Act to make better provision touching the expense of maintaining patients in the Lunatic Asylums in Lower Canada.

**W**HEREAS it is inexpedient that persons known to be insane should be committed to or confined in the Gaols or other places of detention for sane persons in Lower Canada, and it is necessary to make better provision for the payment by the proper Municipalities of the expenses incurred in respect of Insane Persons committed to any Public Lunatic Asylum in Lower Canada, when they or their families are unable to provide for their care and maintenance, as hereinafter mentioned, and for that purpose to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to authorize the confinement of Lunatics in cases where their being at large may be dangerous to the public*: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled: *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That any appropriation which shall be made for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, or any future year, for the support of Destitute Insane Persons in Lower Canada, shall be dealt with and apportioned as follows:

Preamble.

14 & 15 V. c 83.

How future appropriations for the Insane shall be apportioned, &c.

The expenses incurred or to be incurred for the maintenance of Destitute Insane Persons, received into the Temporary Lunatic Asylum at Beauport, or into any Private Asylum in Lower Canada, by order of the Governor of this Province, before the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, shall be the first charge upon such appropriation;

First charge.

Any expenses of a general nature to be incurred by the Government in carrying into effect this Act or any other Law touching Destitute Insane Persons, shall be the second charge upon such appropriation;

Second charge.

All expenses incurred on the part of this Province for the maintenance of Destitute Insane Persons, in any such Lunatic Asylum in Lower Canada, which could not, in case of any deficiency in the said appropriation, be chargeable against any Municipality on account of such persons being "Emigrants," within the meaning of this Act, or otherwise, shall be the third charge upon such appropriation;

Third charge.