

this alteration to be made in those Provinces where it is not at present legal. But that it might be a shorter and more convenient mode of affecting the same object to pass an Imperial Act.

I have, &c.,

Signed) GRANVILLE.

Governor General,
The Right Honourable
Sir JOHN YOUNG, Bt., G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, on the 16th November, 1869.

The Committee have had under consideration the annexed memorandum, dated 13th November, 1869, from the Hon. the Minister of Justice, on certain correspondence had with Her Majesty's Imperial Government respecting the appointing and altering of the Great Seals for the Provinces of the Dominion, and they humbly advise that the recommendations submitted in the said annexed memorandum be approved and carried out.

Certified.

(Signed) WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State,
for Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

OTTAWA, November 13th, 1869.

The undersigned has the honour to report to your Excellency that by Her Majesty's Warrant, bearing date the 26th day of May, 1868, Armorial Bearings for the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were granted, and a Great Seal appointed for the Dominion of Canada, to be composed of the said arms of the said four Provinces quarterly;

That no Great Seal was transmitted with such Warrant;

That with another Warrant of Her Majesty, bearing date the 7th day of May, 1869, five seals were transmitted, which are stated in such Warrant to be for the use of the Dominion of Canada and the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick respectively; and by such Warrant Her Majesty authorized and directed that the said Seals should be respectively used for the sealing of all things whatsoever which shall pass the Great Seals of the said Dominion and of the said Provinces.

That the said Warrants were referred to the undersigned for report, and that he, on the 25th day of June, last, in his report to Your Excellency, called your attention to the subject in the following words:—

“There can be no doubt that Her Majesty has the sole power to order and to change, at will, the Great Seal of the Dominion. A question, however, arises, whether, under the British North America Act, 1867, and under the altered position of the Provinces caused by that Act, the power to fix the Great Seals for those Provinces does not rest elsewhere.

“Instead of being separate colonies, they are now portions of the Dominion Their Lieutenant-Governors are no longer appointed by Her Majesty, but by the