

BILL.

An Act to amend "The Indian Act."

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Revised Statutes of Canada, chapter forty-three intituled "*An Act respecting Indians.*" Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.
R.S.C., c. 43
amended.

1. The Superintendent General, may, from time to time, upon the report of an officer, or other person specially appointed by him to make an enquiry, determine who is or who is not a member of any band of Indians entitled to share in the property and annuities of the band; and the decision of the Superintendent General in any such matter shall be final and conclusive, subject to an appeal to the Governor in Council.

Determina-
tion of mem-
bership of
band.

2. The Superintendent General, his deputy, or other person specially authorized by the Governor in Council, shall have power, by subpoena issued by him, to summon any person before him and to examine such person under oath in respect to any matter affecting Indians, and to compel the production of papers and writings before him relating to such matters; and if any person duly summoned neglects or refuses to appear at the time and place specified in the subpoena upon such person duly served, or refuses to give evidence or to produce the papers or writings demanded of him, may, by warrant under his hand and seal, cause such person, so refusing or neglecting, to be taken into custody and to be imprisoned in the nearest common gaol, as for contempt of court, for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

Enquiries into
Indian affairs.
Power to sum-
mon and ex-
amine on
oath.

Penalty for
non-compli-
ance with
summons.

3. Sub-section five of section twenty-six of the said Act is hereby repealed.

Section 26
sub-section 5
repealed.

4. The twenty-seventh section of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

Section 27 re-
pealed and
new section
substituted.

"27. Every Indian who, without the license in writing of the Superintendent General, or of some officer or person deputed by him for that purpose, cuts, carries away or removes from the land of an Indian who holds a location title, or who is otherwise recognized by the department as the occupant of such land, any of the trees, saplings, shrubs, underwood, timber or hay thereon, or removes any of the stone, soil, minerals, metals or other valuables off the said land; and every Indian who, without license as aforesaid,

Punishment
of Indians
trespassing
on land of
other Indians

Or removing
certain
things.