

An Act to authorise, for a limited period, the  
 Loaning of Money on the security of Real  
 Estate, by the Chartered and other Banks in  
 this Province.

**W**HEREAS in consequence of two successive failures of the crops Preamble.  
 in various sections of the Province, great financial depression has  
 for some time prevailed, and weighed heavily on those engaged in agri-  
 cultural pursuits, many of whom are unable to comply with the usual  
 5 terms of Bank discounts and credit, and are unable under the existing  
 laws to secure the repayment of Bank loans by landed security. And  
 whereas much pecuniary embarrassment to the agricultural classes might  
 be avoided, if the Banks are authorized for a limited period to make  
 loans on the security of real estate; And it is therefore expedient with  
 0 the view to facilitating such relief to farmers, to grant such authority to  
 the Banks; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. For and during three years from the day of the passing of this Act, During three  
years the  
Banks may  
lend money  
on real estate.  
 it shall be lawful for any chartered or other Bank established in this  
 Province, to loan money to any person within this Province upon the  
 5 security, mortgage or hypothecation of lands and tenements within this  
 Province, provided that no such loan be made, or security, mortgage  
 or hypothec given as security for such loan to any such Bank for a longer  
 period than three years; anything in the laws authorising and establishing  
 any of the said Banks to the contrary notwithstanding.

0 II. For any loans to be made under the authority of this Act, the Rate of  
interest on  
such loans.  
 said Banks may demand, stipulate and receive any rate of interest not  
 exceeding                    per cent. per annum.