

# RETURN.

No. 1.

CANADA ACT, 14th and 15th Vict. Cap. 47.

AN ACT to provide for the Introduction of the Decimal System into the Currency of this Province, and otherwise to amend the Laws relative to the Currency.

WHEREAS it is desirable to adopt a Currency for this Province which may hereafter be advantageously made common to all the Provinces of British North America as being simple and convenient in itself, and well calculated to facilitate their commercial intercourse with other parts of this Continent: 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 so far and so soon as may be found conveniently practicable, the public accounts of this Province, and the accounts of all Public Departments and Officers shall be kept in Dollars and decimal parts of a Dollar; the hundredth part to be called a Cent, and the thousandth part a Mill, and the Dollar or unit of account shall be equivalent to five Shillings of the present Currency, and the decimal parts thereof to proportionate sums of the said Currency, and all sums of money and accounts may be legally mentioned, described, and stated either in Dollars and decimal parts of a Dollar, or in the present Currency.

And be it enacted, That such coins representing Dollars, or multiples or divisions of Dollars, as Her Majesty shall see fit to direct to be struck for the purpose shall, by such names and at such rates as Her Majesty shall assign to them respectively, pass current and be a legal tender in this Province; the standard of fineness of the said coins, when of silver or gold being the same respectively as that now adopted for coins in the United Kingdom, and the intrinsic value of the said coins, when of gold, bearing the same proportion to that of the British Sovereign, as the sums for which they are respectively to pass current shall bear to one Pound four Shillings and four Pence of the present Currency, or to four Dollars eighty-six Cents and two-thirds of a Cent, and the intrinsic value of such coins, when of silver or copper, bearing the same proportion to their nominal or current value which the intrinsic value of British silver or copper coins respectively bears to their nominal or current value: Provided always, that such gold coins shall be legal tender to any amount by tale so long as they shall not want more than two grains of the standard weight to be assigned to them respectively by Her Majesty, subject to the same deduction for want of weight as is now provided with regard to British gold coins, and shall also be a legal tender to any amount by weight in sums not less than two hundred Dollars or fifty Pounds of the present Currency, at the same rate and on the same conditions as are now provided with regard to British gold coins; and provided also, that such silver coins shall not be a legal tender to the amount of more than ten Dollars, or two Pounds ten Shillings of the present Currency in any one payment, nor such copper coins to the amount of more than twenty Cents or one Shilling Currency in any one payment.

And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province, out of any unappropriated monies forming part of the consolidated Revenue fund thereof, to defray the costs of obtaining and importing such quantity of the said coins respectively, as the said Governor in Council shall from time to time think it for the interests of the Province to obtain and import.

And be it enacted, That all the provisions of the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth sections of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled "An Act