
SENATE BILL.

An Act further to amend the Civil Service Act.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

Subsection two of section nine of *The Civil Service Act*, as the said subsection is enacted by chapter twelve of the Statutes of 1888, section two, is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

R.S.C., c. 17,
s. 9, sub-s. 2,
and 1888, c.
12, s. 2,
amended.

2. "Whenever the board are satisfied that any irregularity or fraudulent practice has obtained at any examination held by them or by any person deputed by them to hold the same, they may summon before them by an instrument signed by the chairman or acting chairman of the Board, and may examine under oath or affirmation, any person who, in their opinion, is in a position to give evidence in relation to any such irregularity or fraudulent practice.

Inquiry as to irregularities at examinations.

Summoning and examining of witnesses.

"(a.) If the person so summoned does not appear at the time and place appointed by such instrument, the chairman or acting chairman of the board shall be vested with all the powers conferred upon a Justice of the Peace by section 582 of "The Criminal Code, 1892," in case a person to whom a summons has been directed does not appear in obedience thereto.

Powers to compel appearance.

"(b.) Whenever any person appearing in obedience to any such instrument, or by virtue of a warrant issued under paragraph (a) of this section, refuses to be sworn, or having been sworn refuses to answer such questions as are put to him, or refuses or neglects to produce any documents which he is required to produce, without in any such case offering any just excuse for such refusal or neglect, the chairman or acting chairman of the board shall be vested with all the powers conferred in like cases upon a Justice of the Peace by section 585 of "The Criminal Code, 1892"; and, if upon being brought up upon an adjourned hearing such person again refuses to do what is required of him, the chairman or acting chairman shall have the same powers as a Justice of the Peace has under said section 585 in the like case, and so again from time to time until such person consents to do what is required of him."

Powers to compel giving of sworn testimony, and production of documents.