

- 6 VICT. CAP. XXXI.

An Act to impose a duty upon Foreign Wheat imported into this Province.

12th October, 1842.—Presented for Her Majesty's Assent and reserved
"for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon."

15th July, 1843.—Assented to by Her Majesty, in Her Privy Council.

9th August, 1843.—The Royal Assent signified by the proclamation of
 His Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, G. C. B. Governor-General.

WHEREAS the free introduction of wheat and wheat flour into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from this Province, would, by affording a market for these articles at all times certain and available, promote essentially the agricultural and commercial interests of Canada;—And whereas, foreign wheat is at present admitted free of duty into Canada;—And whereas, the intention of the laws of the United Kingdom aforesaid, is to preserve the home market for Her Majesty's subjects, by certain restrictions, and by the imposition of duties;—And whereas, the introduction of foreign wheat into the United Kingdom free of duty, after the introduction of the same into Canada free of duty, would be in manifest violation of the said intention of the laws of the said United Kingdom;—And whereas, the chief objection to the free admission of wheat and wheat flour into the said United Kingdom from Canada, arises from the free admission of foreign wheat into Canada;—And whereas, a certain dispatch addressed to the Governor of this Province, by Her Majesty's secretary of state for the colonies, dated the second day of March last, a copy whereof has been laid by His Excellency's command before the legislature of this Province, affords the strongest ground for the confident belief and expectation, that upon the imposition of a duty upon foreign wheat imported into this Province, Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to parliament the removal or reduction of the duties on wheat and flour imported into the said United Kingdom from Canada:—Be it therefore enacted, &c.,—that from and after the fifth day of July next, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid to Her Majesty, to and for the public uses of this Province,—upon all wheat imported into this Province,—except from the said United Kingdom or any of

See, with reference to this act, the Imp. act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 29.

Dispatch of 2nd March, 1842, cited.

A duty imposed on foreign wheat after 5th July, 1843.