

"nature of their losses;" And whereas, in order to redeem the pledge given to the sufferers of such losses, or their *bona fide* creditors, assignors, or *ayant-droit*, as well by the said Address of the said Legislative Assembly, and the appointment of the said Commission, as by the letter addressed by the Honourable the Secretary of the Province, by order of the Right Honourable Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart, the then Administrator of the Government of the same, to the said Commissioners, on the 27th day of February, 1846, it is necessary and just that the particulars of such losses, not yet paid and satisfied, should form the subject of more minute inquiry under Legislative authority, and that the same, so far only as they may have arisen from the total or partial, unjust, unnecessary, or wanton destruction of dwellings, buildings, property and effects of the said inhabitants, and from the seizure, taking or carrying away of their property and effects, should be paid and satisfied; provided that none of the persons who have been convicted of high treason, *alleged* to have been committed in that part of this Province formerly the Province of Lower Canada, since the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, or who having been charged with high treason or other offences of a treasonable nature, and having been committed to the custody of the Sheriff in the Gaol of Montreal, submitted themselves to the will and pleasure of Her Majesty, and were thereupon transported to Her Majesty's Islands of Bermuda, shall be entitled to any indemnity for losses sustained during or after the said Rebellion, or in consequence thereof: 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 intitled, "An Act to reunite 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, for the purpose of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to authorize the issue of Debentures, payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, at or within twenty years after the date thereof, respectively, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent., payable out of the said Fund on such day in each year as shall be therein specified, provided the total amount of the said Debentures shall not exceed the sum hereinafter mentioned.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Debentures may be issued in such form and for such separate sums, respectively, as the Governor in Council shall deem expedient, and may be issued either to such parties as shall be willing to advance money for the same, or to parties to whom money shall be awarded for compensation of losses under this Act, or who shall demand them in exchange for Debentures of like amount issued under the Act hereinafter mentioned.

III. And be it enacted, That the holder of any Debenture issued under the authority of the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, "*An Act to provide for the payment of certain Rebellion Losses in Lower Canada, and to appropriate the proceeds of the Marriage License Fund,*" may, on any day on which the interest on

such Debenture is payable, have the same exchanged for a Debenture for a like amount to be issued under this Act, and the interest then payable on such Debenture shall at the same time be paid out of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund, and the proceeds of so much of that portion of the Marriage License Fund arising in Lower Canada as shall not be required to pay off the principal and interest of any unexchanged Debenture, shall form part of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Governor in Council may, at any time, by notice in the *Canada Gazette*, require that all the Debentures issued under this Act be presented at a time certain, and not less than six months from the date of such notice, for payment of the principal and interest thereof in full; and such payment shall be made accordingly out of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund, and after the time so appointed no interest shall accrue on the Debentures which shall not be so presented.

V. And be it enacted, That the Debentures issued under this Act shall be distinguished from those issued under other Acts, and that separate accounts shall be kept thereof, and of all money expended under this Act; and that such accounts shall be laid annually before the Provincial Parliament; and that the due application of all money expended under this Act shall be accounted for to Her Majesty, through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in such manner and form as Her Majesty shall please to direct.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint five persons to be Commissioners under this Act, and from time to time to remove them or any of them, and to appoint another or others in the place of any so removed, or dying, or resigning office.

VII. And be it enacted, That each of the said Commissioners shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe, before any Justice of the Peace, the following oath:

"I, _____, swear that I will faithfully and without partiality, fear, favour, or affection, perform my duty as Commissioner under the Act intitled, '*An Act, &c., (insert the title of this Act,)*' and that I will allow to each claimant under the said Act, neither more nor less than the sum which he is entitled to claim for compensation, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act. So help me God." Which oath shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings of the said Commissioners, and make part thereof.

VIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time to appoint a Clerk to the said Commissioners, and the same to remove, and in case of any such removal, or of death or of resignation of office of the said Clerk, to appoint another in his place; and the Commissioners and their Clerk, shall receive for their services under this Act, and for their necessary expenses and disbursements, such compensation as shall be allowed by the Governor in Council, and no other fees or emoluments whatsoever; and such compensation shall be defrayed out of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund.

IX. And be it enacted, That the amount of the Debentures to be issued under this Act, and the amount of the said compensation to be allowed to the

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