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[1856.

An Act to provide for the execution of the Office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in certain cases.

WHEREAS great public inconvenience might ensue from the una- Preamble. voidable absence of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, from illness or other cause, at any time when any sitting of the said Legislative Assembly ought to be held; and His Ex-5 cellency the Governor General being advised thereof, hath in Her Majesty's name, consented that the Legislature should adopt such measures as to them might appear expedient to avoid such inconvenience: Therefore Her Majesty, by &c., enacts as follows :

I. Whenever the Speaker of the said Legislative Assembly shall, from Speaker may 10 illness or other cause, find it necessary to leave the Chair during any callon a mem-part of the sittings of the said Assembly on any day, it shall be lawful the chair for for him to call upon any member thereof to take the Chair and to act the remainder as Speaker during the remainder of such day, unless the Speaker shall of the day. himself resume the Chair before the close of the sittings for that day: and 15 the Member so called upon shall take the Chair and act as Speaker ac-

cordingly; and every Act passed, and every order made and thing done, by the said Assembly while such member is acting as Speaker as aforesaid, shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if done while the Speaker himself was presiding in the Chair. A \$ 4 6