

BILL.

An Act to regulate the Currency.

WHEREAS it is desirable to adopt a Currency for this Preamble.

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 the Act passed in the session held in the fourth

Acts 4 & 5 V. c. 93.

and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to regulate the Currency of this Province*, and the Act passed in the session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to alter the rate at which certain Silver Coins shall be a legal tender*, and the Act passed

13 & 14 V. c. 9.

in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *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*, and the Act passed in the session last aforesaid, and

14 & 15 V. c. 47, and 14 & 15 V. c. 48, repealed.

intituled, *An Act to extend the Provisions of the Currency Act to certain Gold and Silver Coins coined after the periods in the said Act limited*, shall be repealed from and after the time when this Act shall come into force : Provided always, that all Acts, parts of Acts and provisions of Law repealed by the said Acts

Proviso.

or any of them, shall remain repealed ; And provided also that all offences against the said Acts or any of them, committed before this Act shall come into force, may be tried, punished and otherwise dealt with as if this Act had not been passed.

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II. And be it enacted, That the Pound Currency shall be

Pound currency defined.

held to be equivalent to and to represent one hundred and one grains and three hundred and twenty-one thousandths of a grain, Troy weight, of Gold of the Standard of fineness now prescribed by Law for the Gold Coins of the United Kingdom ; and any Gold Coins of that weight and fineness which

Gold Coins struck by order of Her Majesty, to be a legal tender at certain rates.

Her Majesty shall direct to be struck at the Royal Mint, shall, by such name as Her Majesty shall assign to them in the Royal Proclamation declaring them lawful money of this Province, pass current and be a legal tender therein, for One Pound currency each ; and any Gold Coins of like fineness but of greater

or less weight which Her Majesty shall direct to be struck at the Royal Mint, shall, by such names as shall be assigned to them in any such Proclamation as aforesaid, pass current and be a legal tender for sums to be mentioned in such Proclama-