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An Act further to secure the Independence
of Parliament.

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HON. MR. CAMERON.

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An Act further to secure the Independence of Parliament.

FOR further securing the freedom and independence of Parliament, Preamble.
Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. Any person who shall directly or indirectly, himself or by any person in trust for him, or for his use and benefit, or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in the whole or in part, any contract or agreement, made or entered into, with the Crown or with any department or officer of the government, for or on account of the public service, or with any public or incorporated company, for the construction of any railroad, canal or other work for which such company is or shall be incorporated, and in aid of which any pecuniary grant or assistance, or any pecuniary guarantee shall be extended or given by the government of this Province, shall be incapable of being elected, or of sitting or voting, as a member of the Legislative Assembly during the time that he shall execute, hold or enjoy any such contract or agreement, or any part or share thereof, or any benefit or emolument arising therefrom.

No contractor with the Government or with any incorporated Company, receiving aid or guarantee from the Government to be a member of the Assembly.

II. If any member of the Legislative Assembly shall accept from the Crown any office or employment of profit or emolument of a temporary nature, not paid by annual or stated salary, his election shall be and is hereby declared to be void, and a new writ shall issue for a new election, as if such person so accepting were naturally dead : Provided nevertheless that such person shall be capable of being again elected at such new election.

Seats of members accepting temporary employment to be vacated.

But they may be re-elected.

III. If any Member of the Legislative Assembly shall before the passing of this Act have accepted any such office or employment as in the next preceding clause mentioned, the duties of which he shall continue to perform at the passing of this Act, and shall not immediately thereafter resign the same, the election of such Member shall be declared void, as if he were naturally dead, but he shall be capable of being again elected at such new election.

Members now holding temporary offices must resign them or vacate.

But may be re-elected.

IV. All the provisions of this Act shall be extended and applied to the elections of Members of the Legislative Council.

Act to apply to elective members of the Legislative Council.

V. Nothing herein contained shall repeal any Act or part of any Act now in force for securing the independence of the Legislative Council or Assembly.

Former independence Acts not repealed.