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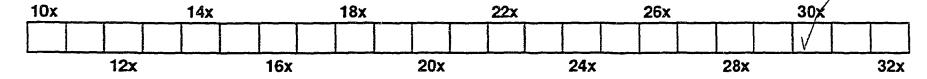
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An Act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners to enquire into the affairs of the St. Roch's Savings Bank, Quebec.

[No. 125 of 1865—1st Session.]

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HEREAS it is expedient that full inquiry should be made, under Freundis. Legislative authority, into the affairs of the Institution known as the St. Roch's Savings Bank, Quebec, and the causes which led to the failure of the said Institution and its inability to meet the just 5 claims of those who had deposited money in it; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:-

1. The Governor may appoint one or more Commissioners for the Governor purpose of making the inquiry mentioned in the preamble to this Act, Commission-10 and of reporting the result thereof to His Excellency, with the evidence ers. to be taken by them in the course of such inquiry; and for the purpose aforesaid, the said Commissioners shall have full power to summon any Director, Manager, Treasurer, or Officer of the said Institution, or any person having been such, or any other person whomsoever, to attend and duties. 15 before them, at such time, and at such place, within the City of Quebec, as they shall appoint, then and there to give such evidence and information as it may be in their power respectively to give pertinent to the said inquiry, and to produce before the said Commissioners and exhibit to them if required, all books, documents and papers of the said 20 Institution or relative to the matters to which the said inquiry relates, or any of them which shall be in the possession or subject to the control of the party summoned; and the said Commissioners shall have full power to examine any person so attending before them on oath, Examination which any one of them may administer, and to take down the evidence of witnesses 25 of such person in writing, and to require such person to sign the same; upon oath. and if any person so summoned refuse to attend, or attending, refuse or neglect to answer any question pertinent to the said inquiry, or to produce any such book, document, or paper as aforesaid, the Commis- As to persons produce any such book, document, or paper as aloresald, the Commis-relating to sioner may complain thereof to any Judge of the Superior Court, who, attend, or to 30 on being satisfied by affidavit or otherwise that such person has so answer, &c. refused or neglected, shall issue an order commanding the party so refusing or neglecting to attend before the said Commissioners at a time and place therein named, for the purpose mentioned in the prior summons of the Commissioners; and such order shall be held to be an 35 order of the Court; and if any such party refuses or neglects to obey such order, he shall be held to have committed a contempt of the said Court, and may be dealt with, and the said order may be enforced, accordingly: Provided always, that no person shall be obliged to Provise. answer any question by his answer to which he might render himself

2. Any two of the Commissioners shall be a quorum, and may law- Quorum. fully exercise the powers vested in all the Commissioners.

40 liable to a criminal prosecution.