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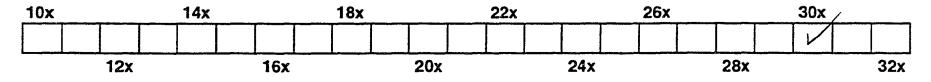
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WHEREAS it is expedient that full inquiry should be made, under Preamble. Legislative authority into the efficiency it is the first state. Legislative authority, into the affairs of the Institution known as the St. Roch's Savings Bank, Quebec, and the causes which led to the failure of the said Institution and its inability to meet the just claims of 5 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, may appoint and of reporting the result thereof to His Excellence, with the oridonee, Commission-10 and of reporting the result thereof to His Excellency, with the evidence ers. tobe taken by them in the course of such inquiry; and for the purpose aforesaid, the said Commissioners shall have full power to summon any Their powers Director, Manager, Treasurer or Officer of the said Institution, or any and duties. person having been such, or any other person whomsoever, to attend

- 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; apon oath. and if any person so summoned refuse to attend, or attending refuse or As to persons neglect to answer any question pertinent to the said inquiry, or to refusing to produce any such book, document or paper as aforesaid, the Commis-attend, or to answer, &c. sioners may complain thereof to any Judge of the Superior Court, who,
- 30 on being satisfied by affidavit or otherwise that such person has so 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 refuse or neglect 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 provine. answer any question by his answer to which he might render himself
- 40 liable to a criminal prosecution.

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