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2nd Session, 3rd Parliament, 12 Victoria, 1849.

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An Act to indemnify Members of the
Legislative Assembly for their ex-
penses in attending the Sessions of
the Legislature.

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HON. MR. LAFONTAINE.

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B I L L .

An Act to indemnify Members of the Legislative Assembly for their expenses in attending the Sessions of the Legislature.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision by law Preamble.
for indemnifying Members of the Legislative Assembly for the expenses by them incurred in attending the Sessions of the Provincial Parliament: Be it therefore
5 enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, Rate of indemnity per diem, and per mile.
that for the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for each Session thereafter, there shall be allowed to each Member of the Legislative Assembly attending at
10 any such Session, twenty shillings for each day's attendance thereat, and six-pence for each mile of the distance between the place of residence of such Member and the place at which the Session shall be held.

II. And be it enacted, That the sum due to each Mem- How the indemnity shall be ascertained and paid.
ber at the close of any Session, shall be paid to him by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, on such Member signing a declaration to be kept by the said Clerk, and stating the number of days' attendance, and the number of miles of distance for which such Member is entitled to
20 an allowance, and the amount of such allowance; and that each day on which the Member shall have attended any sitting of the Legislative Assembly or of any Committee thereof, and each day during the Session on which there shall have been no sitting of the Legislative Assembly or on which he shall have been prevented by sick-
25 ness from attending any sitting, but on which he shall, in either case, have been in the place where the Session is held, shall be reckoned as a day of attendance at such Session.

III. And be it enacted, That there be granted to Her Appropriation to defray the same.
Majesty, out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, an annual sum, sufficient to enable Her Majesty to advance to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of this Province,
35 such sum of money as shall be required to pay the estimated amount of such Sessional allowance according to the foregoing sections of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Clerk of the Legisla- Moneys to be accounted for as contingent expenses of the Assembly.
tive Assembly of this Province shall account for such
40 moneys as he shall receive under this Act, in the same

manner as for moneys advanced to him for the contingent expenses of the said Legislative Assembly, and that he may apply any surplus thereof to the payment of such contingent expenses, and may supply any deficiency of such estimated amount to meet the same, out of any moneys in his hands applicable to the payment of such contingent expenses. 5