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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 by &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 or benefit or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in the whole or 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, 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.

Contractors with Government not to be Members.

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 any 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, as if his seat had not become vacant as aforesaid.

Acceptance of temporary lucrative office to vacate seat.

Member 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, of profit or emolument, the duties of which shall not have been completed before the passing of this Act, and shall not resign the same, or transmit a written declaration to the Secretary of the Province, that he will not receive any profit or emolument therefor, within one month after the passing of this Act, the seat of such Member shall be declared void in the same manner as if he were naturally dead, but he shall be capable of being again elected as aforesaid.

As to such offices accepted before the passing of this Act.

IV. Nothing in this Act shall repeal any Act or part of any Act now in force for securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly.

Certain Acts not altered.