

## CHAP. 5

An Act to authorize the appointment of a commission to submit rules for the management of running waters.

[Assented to 4th June, 1910]

**W**HEREAS, there are numerous rivers, lakes, ponds, creeks, Preamble.  
and watercourses of different kinds, in this Province, and it is important, both in the interest of the forests and for the complete and perfect utilization of the water powers therein, to establish such rules for the general management of running waters as will reconcile the interests of agriculture, of industrial pursuits, and of the forests, with respect for the rights of property ;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a com- Commission ]  
mission called "The Commission for the Management of Run- appointed.]  
ning Waters in Quebec."

The commission shall consist of three commissioners who How  
are experts in hydrography and the management of forests, composed.  
and a secretary.

Its duty shall be :

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1. To devise just and practical rules respecting the flow, the drawing off, the disposal, the distribution, the storage and generally respecting the preservation and management of running waters in the Province of Quebec ;

2. To study the question whether the laws of the Province governing watercourses, whether as regards floating of timber, the flow, drawing off, disposal, distribution and storage of water, ought to be amended ;

3. To make any suggestion tending to the adoption of practical rules adapted to protect the forests of this Province belonging to the Crown or to private persons, and to encourage and facilitate the utilisation of water powers, while reconciling the interests of agriculture, of industrial pursuits, and of the forests with respect for property rights ;

4. To consider whether it is expedient to have the rivers of the Province classified as navigable and floatable rivers, and rivers which are not navigable or floatable, by an administrative commission or otherwise, according to uniform rules, and to submit such rules, if it be advisable ;

5. For the purposes mentioned in this article to make any inspection and examination of the lakes, rivers, ponds, creeks

and watercourses in this Province, which they may think necessary.

To proceed diligently.      **2.** The commission shall proceed with all possible diligence to carry out the purposes for which it is constituted.

How guided.      In matters not provided for by this act, it shall be guided by instructions from the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Report to L. G. in C., &c.      **3.** The commission shall report to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as to its researches, as well as its recommendations and suggestions. This report shall be laid before the Legislature during the first ten days of the next session.

Remuneration of commissioners, &c.      **4.** The commissioners and secretary shall each, for his services, receive an indemnity to be fixed by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, which shall not, however, exceed twenty-five dollars per day.

Salaries, how paid.      **5.** The salaries of the commissioners and secretary, with such expenses as may be incurred by them for travelling, printing, stationery and other things necessary for the due performance of their duties under this act, shall be paid by warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Carrying out of act.      **6.** The Minister of Lands and Forests is charged with carrying out this act.

Coming into force.      **7.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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## CHAPTER 6

An Act for the appointment of a commission to consider the best means of establishing a system of parks on the Island of Montreal and Isle Jésus.

*[Assented to 4th June, 1910]*

**Preamble.**      **W**HEREAS, in view of the rapid development of the city of Montreal, it is in the public interest to appoint a commission charged to consider the best means for establishing a system of parks and improved means of communication and model settlements for the working classes on the Island of Montreal and on Ile Jésus.

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the