

ther expenditure which the building of such bridge may render necessary, and that the total cost of the bridge amounts to the sum of \$20,000.00 at least.

Coming into force.

5. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 3

An Act to authorize the organization of a Commission to assist in the advancement of colonization and in the development of forest industries

[Assented to 26th March, 1902]

Preamble.

WHEREAS colonization and forest industries are most important factors in the progress of the Province and the welfare of its inhabitants, and it is necessary to endeavor to secure the most efficient means of removing everything of a nature to interfere with or delay it;

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

Appointment of Commission.

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a Commission composed of three Commissioners and a secretary, whose duty shall be:

Duties of such Commission.

1. To make a critical study of the law and regulations respecting public lands, woods and forests, colonization societies, works and roads, and the protection of settlers, as well as the carrying out of such laws and regulations;

2. To inquire into the number and causes of the difficulties between settlers and holders of timber licenses, and to advise upon methods for their prevention and removal;

3. To find out what are the sections of the country most suitable for colonization;

4. To ascertain whether the present colonization roads are sufficient to give access to the good farming lands, the extent of surveyed lands is large enough, and the work performed by colonization societies deserves encouragement;

5. To inquire whether, in the interests of the colonization of the province, it is expedient to contribute towards the

building of certain bridges, and to grant subsidies in lands to certain railway companies ;

6. To study the new proposals or systems which may be submitted to it, and, whilst taking into account the financial resources of the province, to recommend those which tend to amend the laws and regulations so as to foster colonization and the development of forest industries.

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

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

3. The Commission shall meet at any place in the province, where information may be gathered. Where to meet.

It is authorized to enquire into the facts over which its duties extend by the use of any means that may be found necessary for its enlightenment. What means to be adopted by it.

If necessary, it may summon witnesses before it, compel them to render evidence under oath, either orally or in writing, and cause them to produce such papers and things as may be deemed requisite for the perfect investigation of the matters intrusted to it ; and, in such case, articles 598, 598*b*, 598*c*, and 598*d* of the Revised Statutes shall apply thereto. Summoning, &c., of witnesses, &c.

4. The Commission shall report its findings to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and may, at the same time, make such recommendations and suggestions as it deems advisable. Report by Commission.

5. The Commissioners and the secretary shall each, for their services, receive an indemnity to be fixed by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, which shall not, however, exceed ten dollars per day. Indemnity of Commissioners and secretary.

6. The remuneration of the Commissioners and secretary, with such expenses as may be incurred by them for traveling, stationery, and other things necessary for the due performance of their duties under this act, shall be paid by warrants of the Lieutenant-Governor, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province. Out of what fund, indemnity and expenses to be paid.

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