

CAP. II.

An Act respecting the Public Debt.

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the acts 45 Victoria, Preamble chapters 19 and 20, the Province of Quebec has received the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, and a further sum of seven million dollars may be paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway, in connection with the sale of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway;

Whereas there is a further sum constituting a Railway grant accorded to this Province by the Act of Canada, 47 Victoria, chapter 8, the capital sum of which amounts to two million, three hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars : which sums have been appropriated as Sinking Funds for the loans of this Province of 1874, 1876 and 1878 ;

Whereas there is a further sum of two million, five hundred and forty-nine thousand, two hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-one cents, due to this Province under the Act of Canada, 47 Victoria, chapter 4, and there are also further sums that may be received by this Province, in connection with the Arbitration now proceeding between the Dominion of Canada, the Province of Ontario and this Province ;

And whereas it is in the public interest to provide that these various sums of money should be utilized and appropriated towards the perfecting of the Sinking Funds and the redemption of the Public Debt, or in connection with the conversion of the Debt ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. In order further to carry out the provisions of the acts 45 Victoria, chapter 21, and 49-50 Victoria, chapter 2, which appropriated the price of the sale of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, and the Railway grant by the Dominion of Canada, under the Act of Canada, 47 Victoria, chapter 8, to the Sinking Funds created by the Acts of this Province 37 Victoria, chapter 2 ; 39 Victoria, chapter 4 ; and 41 Victoria, chapter 1, for the loans of this Province, made in the years one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may name or appoint one or more trustees or agents, either in Canada, England, France, or elsewhere, and may, on such conditions as may be deemed advisable, provide for the payment over to such trustees or agents of the sums received.

Appointment of trustees for the purpose of carrying out provisions of certain acts.

Payment to trustees of certain sums.

ed or to be received from the proceeds of the sale of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, or from the interest to be received thereon, and from the Railway grant of two million, three hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars made by the Dominion of Canada, under the Act of Canada, 47 Victoria, chapter 8, or the interest to be received thereon.

Application of surplus after providing for Sinking Funds, to conversion, &c., of public debt.

Proviso.

Regulations for management of public debt.

Appointment of agents, &c., for that purpose.

Application of sums received under 47 V., C., c. 4.

Application of moneys received under arbitration with Canada and Ontario.

Investment of certain sums provided for.

2. Should the said sums so to be received and the amount already received on account of the sale of the said railway, or on account of the said grant, be more than sufficient to provide for the Sinking Funds, up to the time of such payment to the said trustees or agents, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on such conditions as he may deem best, appropriate or authorize the use of the balance of such moneys for the redemption or conversion of the Public Debt generally, provided satisfactory dispositions are made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for the payment into the Sinking Funds, or to the said trustees or agents, in each year thereafter, of a sufficient amount to meet the requirements of the said funds.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from time to time, make such regulations as he deems necessary for the management of the Public Debt of this Province, and the payment of the interest thereon; and, for that purpose, may name or appoint one or more fiscal agents or trustees in Canada, England, France or elsewhere.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appropriate the principal sum of two million, five hundred and forty-nine thousand, two hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-one cents, amount of capital due the Province under the terms of the Act of Canada, 47 Victoria, chapter 4, or the interest thereon, towards the redemption of the Public Debt, or in carrying out any arrangement for the conversion of the Public Debt, provided for by the act of this Province, 51-52 Victoria, chapter 9.

5. Any sums of money received by this Province in connection with the Arbitration now proceeding between the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario and the Province of Quebec, shall be appropriated towards the redemption of the Public Debt, or in carrying out any arrangement for the conversion of the Debt.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may also provide for the investment of the sums so to be received under the said Arbitration, or the sum due under the provisions of the said Act of Canada, 47 Victoria, chapter 4, or any balances not required under the terms of section 1

of this act, in such manner as may be deemed best, and that such investment or the proceeds thereof be appropriated towards the redemption of the Public Debt or its conversion.

7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may also, from time to time, use said moneys in purchasing the existing bonds or debentures of the Province of Quebec, and may make such arrangements in that respect, with the consent of the bond and debenture holders, as may be deemed advisable.

Purchase of provincial bonds.

8. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, in connection with any loans or with the conversion of the Debt authorized by law, in lieu of debentures or annuities, authorize the issue of inscribed stock, bearing a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, to be known as "Province of Quebec Inscribed Stock"; and, to that end, may provide for the necessary books and agents to keep such stock, and may provide also for the length of time within which such stock shall not be redeemable, and make such other further regulations as may be necessary.

Issue of inscribed stock.

Name of such stock.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from time to time, with the consent of the holder of any of the then existing bonds or debentures or annuities of the Province of Quebec, or Province of Quebec Inscribed Stock, substitute therefor bonds or debentures, annuities, or Province of Quebec Inscribed Stock bearing a lower rate of interest not to exceed four per cent, provided that the annual charge for interest is not thereby increased, and that the capital is not increased beyond an amount representing the difference between the then present value of the security bearing the higher rate of interest and that of the security substituted for it, and such substitution may be made by the sale of the one class of bonds or debentures or Province of Quebec Inscribed Stock, and the purchase of those for which it is desired to substitute them.

Conversion of the debt.

Proviso.

10. No debentures, bonds or inscribed stock of this Province are redeemable before the time mentioned in the bonds or debentures, or before the time fixed for the payment of such inscribed stock, except with the consent of the holders of such bonds, debentures or inscribed stock.

When bonds are redeemable.

11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

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

Coming into force.