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An Act respecting the Executive Council.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Executive Council of the Province of Quebec is composed of such persons as the Lieutenant-Governor, from time to time, deems expedient to appoint. Composition of the Executive Council.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor may appoint under the great seal of the province, from among the members of the Executive Council, the following officers, who remain in office during pleasure: the attorney-general, the provincial secretary and registrar, the provincial treasurer, the commissioner of crown lands, the commissioner of agriculture and public works, and the commissioner of railways. Number of officers and their titles.

3. Of these officers, the person holding the recognized position of first minister, receives an annual salary of five thousand dollars, and the others receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars, without prejudice to their indemnity as members of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly. Their salary.

4. The powers, duties and functions of the officers, forming part of the Executive Council, may, from time to time, by order in council, be conferred, in whole or in part, for a limited term or otherwise, upon any other of these officers. Their several powers, duties and functions may be conferred on other members of the Council.

5. All contrary constitutional provisions are amended in the sense of this act, and all statutory provisions contrary to this act are repealed. Contrary provisions amended.

6. This act shall come into force on the first day of July, 1882. Act in force.

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An act relating to the Speaker of the Legislative Council.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

- Appointment of Speaker of the Legislative Council.** 1. Previous to the first session of each parliament, the Lieutenant Governor shall nominate one of the members of the Legislative Council, Speaker of the Council.
- Duration of office.** 2. The Speaker shall be nominated for the duration of the parliament.
- Vacancy in office of Speaker.** 3. Should a vacancy occur in the Speakership, the Lieutenant Governor shall nominate another member of the Council to fill it.
- Absence of Speaker for 48 hours provided for.** 4. If the Speaker leave the chair during forty-eight hours consecutively, the Council may name another of its members to act as Speaker, during the absence of that officer.
- Provision for Speaker leaving chair during a sitting.** 5. If the Speaker should leave the chair during a sitting of the House he shall be replaced, during his absence, by a Councillor he may select.
- Salary of Speaker.** 6. The Speaker of the Legislative Council receives an annual salary of two thousand dollars, exclusive of the sessional indemnity.
- Speaker not a member of Executive Council.** 7. The Speaker shall not be a member of the Executive Council of the Province of Quebec.
- Constitution of Province amended in the sense of this act.** 8. The constitution of the Province of Quebec is amended in the sense of this act and every statutory enactment, contrary thereto, is repealed.
- Present Speaker.** 9. The present Speaker shall be considered as having been named by the Lieutenant-Governor for the duration of the existing parliament.
- Act in force.** 10. This act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

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An Act to facilitate the intervention of the Crown in civil cases, in which the constitutionality of Federal or Provincial Acts is in question.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, since Confederation, there have arisen and still arise daily before the courts, in suits between