

CAP. VIII.

An act to authorize the consolidation of the general statutes of the province of Quebec.

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

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

1. The lieutenant-governor in council may appoint a ^{Commission.} commission to consolidate the general statutes of the province.

Such commission shall be composed of one, two or three commissioners, and a secretary.

2. Any judge of the superior court of this province, ^{Advising} with his own consent, may be added to such commission, ^{Commission-} ^{ers.} in the capacity of advising commissioner.

3. The commissioners shall classify, revise and consolidate the statutes of a general and permanent character of the late province of Canada, affecting the province of Quebec and within the jurisdiction of its legislature, as also those of this province since 1867. ^{Duties of} ^{Commission-} ^{ers.}

4. In consolidating such statutes, the commissioners ^{Idem.} shall only incorporate therein the provisions which they shall then deem to be in force, and shall cite the authorities on which they base their judgment as to their so being in force.

They may change the phraseology of such statutes, ^{Phraseology} without however altering the sense ; they shall strike ^{of Statutes.} out from them all unnecessary or improper impressions, and shall as far as possible, render each provision thereof, simple, clear and precise.

5. The commissioners may suggest such amendments ^{Suggestion of} to the law as they deem advisable, by distinctly specifying ^{amendments.} them and accompanying them with the reasons by which they support them.

6. The commissioners shall publish in the manner ^{Publication} most convenient for reference, either with the consolidated ^{of other sta-} statutes or in a separate volume, according as they ^{tes affect-} may deem most advisable, the general statutes which ^{ing the Pro-} affect this province, but are not within the jurisdiction of ^{vince.} its legislature, including imperial statutes, and the statutes of the late province of Canada.

Publication
of other docu-
ments.

7. They shall also publish, either with the consolidated statutes or with the general statutes mentioned in the preceding section, as they shall deem convenient, all orders in council, proclamations, treaties or documents which shall be prescribed them by the lieutenant-governor in council.

Reports.

8. The commissioners shall from time to time report their proceedings and the progress of the work entrusted to them, to the lieutenant-governor.

Instructions
of L.-G.

In matter with respect to which no provision is made in this act, they shall act according to the instructions of the lieutenant-governor.

Printing and
reports.

9. Whenever they shall deem any portion of the work sufficiently advanced to be printed, they shall have the same printed, and transmit to the lieutenant-governor, together with their report, a sufficient number of copies.

Work sub-
mitted to Le-
gislation.

10. When the work is completed, printed copies of the consolidated statutes, together with the reports of the commissioners, shall be laid before this legislature.

Expenses.

11. The expenses incurred in and about the execution of this work shall be paid by the legislative assembly of this province, out of the fund set apart for contingent expenses.

Act in force.

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

C A P. I X.

An act to amend the act respecting the organization of the civil service of the province, 31 Vic., ch. 8.

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

Composition
of Civil Ser-
vice.

1. The members of the civil service of the province of Quebec, shall be the deputy heads, the clerks and messengers permanently employed in the following departments, at the seat of government, namely :

The department of the executive council ;

The department of the provincial secretary and registrar, and the *bureau* of the Queen's printer ;

The department of the law officers of the Crown ;

The department of the treasury of the province ;