

lands of the crown vacant at the time, to remain forest.

Management  
of these re-  
serves.

3. The territories so set apart shall be reserved for the production and culture of timber, and shall be worked and managed, and the timber thereon be cut, as shall be ordered from time to time, by regulations made by the lieutenant-governor in council.

Cut on such  
reserves.

4. The timber cut from and upon such reserves shall be sold at public auction.

## CAP. XII.

An Act respecting the internal economy of the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

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

Commissioners named for the execution of this act.

1. The speaker of the legislative assembly, for the time being, and three members of the executive council of this province, for the time being,—who may be appointed by the lieutenant-governor in council as commissioners under this act, they and each of them being also members of the legislative assembly, and the names and offices of whom and their appointment as commissioners being communicated to the legislative assembly, by message from the lieutenant-governor in the first week of each session of the legislature,—shall be, and they are hereby nominated, constituted and appointed commissioners for the purposes of this act; and any three of such commissioners, whereof the speaker of the legislative assembly for the time being shall be one, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to carry this act into execution.

Quorum.

Estimate prepared by the clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

2. An estimate shall annually be prepared by the clerk of the legislative assembly of the sums which will probably be required to be provided by the legislature for the payment of the indemnity and mileage of members, and of salaries, allowances and contingent expenses of the house, and of the several officers and employees thereof under his direction, and of the stationery of the house during the year commencing on the first day of July of each year.

Estimate by the sergeant-at-arms.

An estimate shall also be annually prepared by the sergeant-at-arms of the legislative assembly, of the sums

which will probably be required to be provided by the legislative assembly, for the payment of salaries or allowances of the messengers, door-keepers and servants of the house under his direction, and of the contingent expenses under his direction during the year as above mentioned.

Such estimates shall be submitted to the speaker for his approval, and shall be subject to such approval and such alterations as the speaker shall consider proper; and the speaker shall thereupon prepare an estimate of the sums requisite for the several purposes aforesaid, and shall sign the same. Estimate by the speaker.

Such several estimates of the clerk, serjeant-at-arms and treasurer, shall be transmitted by the speaker, to the speaker for his approval, and shall be laid severally before the legislative assembly with the other estimates for the year. Approval of such estimates.

3. An estimate shall also be annually prepared by an officer acting for that purpose, under the sanction of the legislative council and the legislative assembly, of the sum which will probably be required to be provided by the legislature for the printing services during the year commencing on the first July in each year, which shall be transmitted to the treasurer of the province for his approval, and shall be laid before the legislature, with the other estimates for the year. Estimate for printing services. Approval.

4. All sums of money voted by the legislature upon such estimates, or payable to the members and to the speaker of the legislative assembly, under the act of this province 33 Vict., chap. 4, shall be paid over to, and held by the treasurer of the province, subject to the order of the said commissioners or any three of them, of whom the speaker shall be one, and shall be paid or transferred to them or their order, at any time, and in such sums as they may deem requisite. Disposal of the sums.

5. All the sums specified in the preceding section shall be paid according to the orders of the commissioners, from time to time issued, and the speaker shall to that end appoint an officer, who shall be styled the accountant to the legislative assembly, and shall require from such latter person, in order to guarantee the faithful accomplishment of his duties, security to an amount which the commissioners shall deem advisable. How paid. Accountant: security to be given by him.

An account shall be opened in one of the banks of Canada, in the name of the accountant, and the commissioners hereinabove mentioned shall pay or transfer, from time to time, such sums as they shall deem requisite, to the credit of the accountant, by means of an order signed by the speaker and two others of the commissioners. Bank account.

Case of death or removal of the accountant. In the case of the death or removal from office of such accountant, the monies standing to his credit in the account aforesaid, shall be forthwith paid by the bank to the commissioners.

Disposal of the sums voted for printing. **6.** The sums voted by the legislature for parliamentary printing shall be paid over to the treasurer and employed by him to the paying of printing services.

Bank account. For these services an account shall be opened in one of the banks of Canada, in such name as the legislative council and the legislative assembly may direct, and such sums as shall be deemed necessary shall be paid or transferred to the name of the person so selected, as the work progresses, to be accounted for in the printing account annual balance sheet.

Case of a surplus. **7.** In case the sums voted by the legislature shall in any year be more than sufficient to pay and discharge all charges thereon, the commissioners shall within six weeks after the end of the session, after retaining in their hands a sum sufficient to answer all demands in respect of the same, which may be likely to arise before the beginning of the next session, pay the surplus to the treasurer of the province to form part of the consolidated revenue fund of the province.

Speaker continued as commissioner after the dissolution. **8.** For the purposes of this act, the person who shall fill the office of speaker at the time of any dissolution of the legislature, shall be deemed to be speaker until a speaker shall be chosen by the new legislature.

Vacancy in that charge. In the event of the death or disability or absence from the province of the speaker, during any dissolution or prorogation of the legislature, the three remaining commissioners may execute any of the purposes of this act.

Enquiry into misconduct of an employee. **9.** If any complaint or representation shall be made to the speaker for the time being, of the misconduct or unfitness of any officer, employee, messenger or other person attendant on the legislative assembly, now or hereafter to be appointed, it shall be lawful for the speaker to cause an enquiry to be made into the conduct or fitness of such person.

Suspension or removal of the same. If thereupon the speaker is convinced that such person has been guilty of misconduct, or is unfit to hold his situation, he may, if such officer, employee, messenger or other person has been appointed by the crown, suspend him and report such suspension to the lieutenant-governor; and if he has not been appointed by the crown, then the speaker may suspend or remove such person as the case may be, and such person shall be accordingly so suspended or removed as the case may be.

**10.** Immediately after the passing of this act, the clerk of the legislative assembly shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance before the speaker, and all the other officers, employees and messengers of the legislative assembly shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance before the clerk of the legislative assembly. Oath of allegiance.

Any officer, employee or messenger who shall be in future appointed, shall before his entry into office, take and subscribe the same oath.

The clerk of the legislative assembly shall preserve a register of all such oaths.

**11.** For the purposes of this act, all sums payable to members of the legislative assembly, under the act of this province 33 Vict., chap. 4, and all sums voted and appropriated for the payment of salaries, allowances, contingent expenses and stationery of the legislative assembly, for the fiscal year expiring on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and for the fiscal year expiring the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, shall be deemed and taken as having been based upon the estimates mentioned in the second section of this act, and shall be subject to the several provisions of this act, in respect to the mode of payment thereof respectively, and of the disposal of any surplus thereof. This act shall apply to sums already voted.

**12.** All sums of money which, under the eighth section of the act of this province 33 Vict., chap. 4, might heretofore have been advanced to the clerk of the legislative assembly, shall after the passing of this act be paid over to the treasurer for the purposes and under the authority of this act. 33 v., c. 4, amended.

So much of the fourth, seventh and of the ninth sections of the said act, as respects the clerk of the legislative assembly, shall be repealed after the passing of this act, and the accountant shall thereafter perform the duties assigned to the clerk.

**13.** This act shall come into force on the first day of January, 1876. Act into force.