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An Act respecting the Indemnity to Members of the Legislature, and the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

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

1. In this session of the legislature, and in every session hereafter, there shall be allowed to each member of the legislative council and of the legislative assembly, attending thereat, six dollars for each day's attendance, if the session do not extend beyond thirty days ; and if the session extends beyond thirty days, then there shall be payable to each member of the legislative council and of the legislative assembly, attending thereat, a sessional allowance of six hundred dollars, and no more. \$6.00 a day or \$600 to each member.

2. A reduction of five dollars per day shall be made from the said sessional allowance, for every day on which the member does not attend a sitting of the House of which he is a member, or some committee thereof, provided the House sits on such day ; but each day during the session after the first on which the member attends as aforesaid on which there has been no sitting of such House, or on which the member was prevented by sickness from attending any such sitting as aforesaid, but on which (in either case) he was at the place where the session was held, shall be reckoned as a day of attendance at the session. Reduction.

3. A member shall not be entitled to the said sessional allowance for less than thirty-one days' attendance, reckoned as aforesaid, but his allowance for any less number of days shall be six dollars for each day's attendance. What attendance necessary for sessional allowance.

4. The said compensation may be paid from time to time as the member becomes entitled to it, to the extent of four dollars for each day's attendance as aforesaid ; but the remainder shall be retained by the clerk of the proper house until the close of the session, when the final payment shall be made. Payment from time to time to extent of \$4 per day.

5. If any person is, from any cause, a member of either house for a part only of the session, then, provided he is a member for upwards of thirty days during such session, he shall be entitled to the sessional allowance last mentioned, subject to the deduction aforesaid for non-attendance as a member, and also to a deduction of six dollars for each day of the session before or after he was a member ; but if he is a member for only thirty days or less, Case of members being present for part only of session.

then he shall be entitled only to six dollars for each day's attendance thereat, whatever be the length thereof.

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6. There shall be also allowed to each member of the legislative council and legislative assembly ten cents for each mile of distance between the place of residence of such member and the place at which the session is held, reckoning such distance going and coming according to the nearest mail route, which distance shall be decided and certified by the speaker of the legislative council or the legislative assembly, as the case may be.

Declaration to be made by member before he is paid.

7. The sum due to each member at the close of the session shall be paid him by the clerk of the house of which he is a member, on his making and signing, before the clerk or accountant of the house, a solemn declaration, to be kept by the clerk, stating the number of day's attendance and the number of miles of distance according to the nearest mail route as decided and certified by the speaker, for which such member is entitled to the said allowance, and the amount of such allowance, after deducting the number of days (if any) which are to be deducted; and such declaration may be in the form A hereto annexed, and shall have the same effect as an affidavit in the same form.

Appropriation for the purposes of this act.

8. There is hereby granted to Her Majesty, out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the consolidated revenue fund, a sum sufficient to enable Her Majesty to advance to the clerk of the legislative council and the clerk of the legislative Assembly respectively, such sums as are required to pay the estimated amount of the sessional allowance hereinbefore mentioned.

Accountability of clerks for moneys received by them under this act.

9. The clerk of the legislative council and the clerk of the legislative assembly shall respectively account for all moneys received by them under this act, in the same manner as for moneys advanced to them for the contingent expenses of the said legislative council and legislative assembly, and they may, respectively, apply any surplus thereof to the payment of such contingent expenses, and may supply any deficiency of such estimated amount out of any moneys in their hands respectively applicable to the payment of such contingent expenses.

Salary of the Speaker of the Assembly.

10. The sum of two thousand four hundred dollars shall be payable annually as a salary to the speaker of the legislative assembly.

SCHEDULE—FORM A.

I, A. B., one of the members of the legislative council, (or legislative assembly) solemnly declare, that I reside at
in _____ which is distant by the nearest

