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2 William IV – Chapter 33

An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the more certain and expeditious distribution of the printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province. (25th February. 1832.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to make more effectual provision for the early circulation of the printed copies of the Acts of the Legislatures soon as possible after the close of every Session, to the end that the public may have full information of the laws therein: and whereas it is expedient that the Act passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the more certain and expeditious distribution of the printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province," be repealed in order that more effectual Legislative provisions may be enacted in lieu thereof: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Québec in North America,' and to make further provision for the "Government of the said Province," and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said Act passed in the ninth year of His late Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to provide for the more certain and expeditious distribution of the printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province," shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Legislative Council to transmit the printed copies of the laws passed by the Legislature of this Province, with the least possible delay to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, whose duty it shall be with all due diligence to cause to be left in the several parts of this Province, a sufficient number of the said copies addressed as hereinafter it is provided.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Province, or his Deputy, annually within fifteen days after the close of each Session of the Legislature, to transmit to the Clerk of the Legislative Council, and to the person or persons so appointed, a list of the several Justices of the Peace for the several Districts in this Province, and that, if shall be the duty of the Adjutant General of Militia of the Province, annually within the like period, to transmit to the Clerk of the Legislative

Council, and to the person so appointed, a list of the Officers commanding the Militia as well as a list of all the Officers under their command, and who are by law entitled to printed copies of the laws, which list shall specify the several residences of such Justices of the Peace and Officers commanding the Militia.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the person or persons so appointed as aforesaid, upon receiving from the Clerk of the Legislative Council such printed copies of the said laws without delay to transmit to the several persons residing in the Cities of Québec, Montreal and Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières], who are intitled to receive the same, and who are not in the Militia, a copy of the laws passed in each Session respectively.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said person or persons, shall without delay transmit the copies which are to be distributed to the Officers of Militia in this Province, to the Officers commanding the several Battalions or Divisions thereof, in order that they may by them be distributed to the Officers under their command, who are entitled to receive copies of the Laws.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the copies of the laws addressed to persons residing in the country parts who are entitled to receive the same, and do not belong to the Militia, shall be left at the parsonage houses of the Parishes in which such persons respectively reside.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Officers commanding the Militia and of the Church Wardens in office, (Marguilliers en charge,) in each of the Country Parishes throughout the Province, on the first Sunday succeeding the day on which such printed copies shall have been received, to cause public notice to be given at the door of the Parish Church, immediately after Divine Service in the forenoon, that such printed copies of the Laws have been so received and that they may be obtained by the several persons having a right to the same.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that such person or persons shall without delay transmit the printed copies intended for distribution in the Townships, to the Senior Captain of Militia in every such Township, by whom public notice shall be given at the most public place in every such Township, at the time when such place is usually the most frequented, and in the manner the most usual there; for giving publicity to notifications of general interest, that such copies have by him been received for distribution according to law, and of the place (which shall be a convenient one for the purpose,) at which they remain for delivery to the several officers to whom they are addressed, upon their application, and that upon their being accordingly applied for, they shall by the respective officers to whom they were addressed be so delivered.

IX. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said person or persons shall transmit without delay, the copies which are to be distributed within the District of

Gaspé in the following manner, that is to say, at New Carlisle to the Cleric of the Provincial Court of the District of Gaspé; at Percé, Bonaventure and at Carleton, to the Senior Captain of Militia of the said places respectively who shall be bound to give the notice prescribed by the eighth Section of this Act.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be paid out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, or which may hereafter come into his hands, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency to the persons appointed as aforesaid, for every such distribution of the laws passed in the then last Session of the Parliament, according to the provisions of this Act.

XI. And whereas it frequently happens that Acts passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province, are reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, and that such Acts being afterwards sanctioned and published in this Province, it becomes necessary to provide for the distribution thereof; be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be allowed and paid to the person so appointed as aforesaid, the sum of ninety pounds currency for every such subsequent distribution of the Acts so reserved and sanctioned.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated by this Act, shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct, and that a detailed account of the expenditure of all such monies shall be laid before the several branches of the Provincial Legislature within the first fifteen days of the next Session thereof.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and no longer.