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9 George IV – Chapter 21

An Act to provide for the more certain and expeditious Distribution of the printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province. (14th March, 1829.)

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 Legislature, as soon as possible after the close of every session, to the end that the Public may have full information of the laws enacted therein; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it therefore 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 Quebec, 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 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 in 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 at the several Parsonage Houses in the country parishes throughout this Province, a sufficient number of the said copies addressed as herein-after it is provided.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Churchwardens 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 left at the Parsonage House of their respective parishes, to cause public notice to be given at the door of the parish church, immediately after morning service, that such printed copies of the laws have been left at the Parsonage House, where they may be obtained by the several officers, residing in the parish, having a right to the same.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Province, or of 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 so appointed, a list of the several Justices of the Peace for the several Districts in this Province, and that it 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 of Militia by law entitled to printed copies of the laws, which list shall specify the several residences of such Officers of Militia.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the person 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 respective Clerks of the Peace for the Districts of Montreal and Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], as many of the said printed copies as may be necessary for supplying each Justice of the Peace and Officer of Militia named on the said list with one printed copy of the laws passed in each session, and that the said Clerks of the Peace shall respectively upon receiving such printed copies, cause, notice, to be given in one of the printed pews papers in the City of Montreal, that such printed copies have been so received, and that they remain in, their offices respectively for delivery to the several officers to whom they are addressed in the said City and Town respectively upon their application at such office, and that upon their being accordingly applied for, they shall by the said Clerks of, the Peace be so delivered.

V. And be it further enacted by the, authority aforesaid, that in the City of Quebec it shall be the duty of the person so appointed as aforesaid upon receiving such printed copies to cause to be given in one of the Public newspapers printed in the City of Quebec, notice that such printed copies have been so received and that they remain in his office for delivery to the several officers, to whom they are addressed in the City of Quebec upon their application at such office and that upon their being accordingly applied for, they shall by the said person be so delivered.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that such person shall without delay transmit the printed Copies intended for distribution in the Townships and in the County of Gaspé to the oldest Captain of Militia in every such Township, and in the County of Gaspé by whom public notice shall be given at the most public place in every such Township and in the County of Gaspé, 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 for distribution, be so delivered.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or the person administering the Government, to advance and pay by warrant under his hand 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 person so appointed as aforesaid to enable him to defray the expenses to be incurred in and about the distribution of such printed copies of the Laws according to the Provisions of this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted by, the authority aforesaid, that the person so appointed shall within fifteen days next after the opening of each Session of the Legislature lay before each Branch thereof a true and faithful account of the manner in which the monies hereby appropriated have been applied and expended for the purposes of this Act.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies expended by virtue of 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.

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