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1 William IV – Chapter 26

An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned for the support of the Emigrant Hospital, at Quebec, and to make further provision respecting the same. (31st March, 1831.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a sum of money for the relief of indigent Sick Emigrants arriving at Quebec from the United Kingdom, as well of other Indigent Sick Persons labouring under various kinds of diseases;— 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 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 it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province by a Warrant or Warrants under his hand from time to time, as occasion may require, to advance from and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver-General, during the present year, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, towards the support of the Hospital established in the City of Quebec, for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United-Kingdom, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the third year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned for the relief of Indigent Sick Emigrants from the United-Kingdom," a sum not exceeding in the whole one thousand, three hundred and eighty-four pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, currency; and a further sum not exceeding two hundred and ninety-seven pounds seven shillings and two-pence currency, to reimburse a like sum expended for the support of the said Emigrant Hospital, over and above the sum granted last year, and a further sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency to indemnify Jacques Seguin, Practitioner in Physic and Surgery, for his professional services in furtherance of the objects of the said Hospital.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the three Commissioners for managing and superintending the application and expenditure of the monies hereby appropriated, shall call upon the four senior Physicians and Surgeons practising in the City of Quebec, to assume the care of and tend the Patients in the said Hospital, each of which four senior Physicians and Surgeons, may obtain the assistance of another Member of the said Profession in discharging the functions of a Physician and Surgeon of the said Hospital; and

upon the refusal of any such senior Physician and Surgeon to accept the said charge, such Commissioners may in like manner call upon those next in seniority until the number required shall be obtained.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Physicians and Surgeons having charge of the said Hospital, may make such Rules and Regulations as they shall deem useful and necessary for the better management of the internal concerns thereof, respecting the diet and tending of the Sick, the hours of attendance, the conduct and duties of the Keepers, the Apothecary, Nurses and Servants, and all other matters and things relative to such internal concerns.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that Students of Medicine or Surgery, may attend the Physicians and Surgeons in their visits to the Patients, and may also frequent the Hospital, subject to such Rules and Regulations as the Physicians and Surgeons of the said Hospital shall prescribe; and that every Student so attending shall, for such attendance, pay the sum of twenty shillings currency, annually, into the hands of the Physicians and Surgeons in charge of the said Hospital, to be applied towards the purposes of the said Hospital.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person to whom shall be entrusted the expenditure of any portion of the monies hereby appropriated, shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, showing the sum advanced to the Accountant, the sum actually expended, the balance, if any, remaining in his hands, and the amount of the monies hereby appropriated to the purpose for which such advance shall have been made, remaining unexpended in the hands of the Receiver-General, and that every such account shall be supported by Vouchers therein distinctly referred to, by numbers corresponding to the numbering of the items in the said Account; and shall be made up to and closed on the tenth day of April and tenth day of October, and shall be attested before a Justice of the Court of King's Bench or a Justice of the Peace, and shall be transmitted to the officer whose duty it shall be to receive such account, within fifteen days next after the expiration of the said periods respectively.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies hereby appropriated, 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 fifteen days after the opening of the next Session thereof.