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4 William IV – Chapter 22

An Act to enable His Majesty to acquire for the public uses of the Province a certain House and lot of Ground adjoining the north-west Wing of the building in which the Sittings of the Legislature are now held, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (18th March, 1834.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient that the House and Lot of Ground hereinafter mentioned, should become the property of His Majesty for the public uses of the Province:—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 the House and Lot of Ground belonging to the Representatives of the late Jean Baptiste Morin, and adjoining the north-western Wing of the building in which the Sittings of the Legislature are now held, shall be valued and its price estimated by an expert to be named by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province, and expert to be named by the proprietor or proprietors of the said House and Ground, such two experts having power and being hereby required to name a third expert before they proceed to value, the said property and the decision of the majority of such experts shall be final: and such experts shall not proceed to make such valuation and estimate until after they shall have been sworn before some Justice of the Peace for the District of Quebec, (and any such Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required to administer the necessary oath,) impartially to perform their duty as such experts, and shall report their decision in writing to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government within three days after they shall have come to such decision: Provided always that if the proprietor or proprietors of the House and Ground aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to name an expert within fifteen days after the appointment of the expert named by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government shall be signified to him, her or them the decision of the expert whose appointment shall be so signified, shall be final.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province to advance and pay to the proprietor or proprietors of the House and Ground aforesaid, by Warrant under his hand and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver

General a sum equal to that at which the said expert or experts (as the case may be,) shall have estimated the said House and Ground, which shall as soon as the said sum shall have been so paid, become the property of His Majesty for the public uses of the Province.

III. And whereas it is expedient to enable the Commissioners under whose superintendence the said north-west wing was erected to cause the said House to be pulled down and removed, and the said lot of ground to be cleared and levelled, and also to enable the said Commissioners to replace a certain sum by them expended in erecting the said north-west wing, over and above the sum appropriated for the same, and out of the monies appropriated for the erection of a new Hall of Assembly for which they are likewise Commissioners: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government by Warrant under his hand and out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, to advance and pay to the Commissioners appointed under the authority of an Act passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to provide for the erection of a Wing on the north-western side of the building in which the Sittings of the Legislature are now held," such sum or sums as shall be necessary to enable the said Commissioners to cause the said house to be pulled down and removed, and the said Lot of Ground to be cleared and levelled, and a further sum not exceeding eight hundred and nine pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence half-penny currency, to enable the said Commissioners to replace and make good a like sum by them expended in defraying the necessary expences of erecting and completing the said Wing over and above the sum appropriated for the same, and out of the monies appropriated by the Act passed in the third year of His Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to provide for the erection of a new Hall of Assembly" under which Act they have likewise been appointed Commissioners.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall annually during the time they shall act as such, lay before the three Branches of the Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of each Session thereof, a detailed report of their proceedings as such, and an account of the monies advanced to them and by them disbursed under the authority of this Act.

V. 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 the first fifteen days of the next Session thereof.