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An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein mentioned, for the promotion of Vaccine Inoculation. (22 March, 1817.)

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a further sum of money to promote the more extensive diffusion of Vaccine Inoculation: 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver-General of this Province, or which may hereafter come into his hands, to advance the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, currency, to the persons to be by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, appointed, as herein-after mentioned and provided, to be applied to defray the expences necessary for diffusing the practice of Vaccine Inoculation, and distributed in the several Districts of this Province, in the proportions and for the purposes herein-after mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that of the said sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, currency, the sum of one thousand Pounds, currency, shall be applied to the aforesaid purposes of encouraging the Vaccine Inoculation in the District of Montreal, the sum of eight hundred Pounds, currency, in that of Quebec, the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds, currency, in that of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], and the sum of fifty Pounds, currency, in that of Gaspé.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to nominate and appoint five persons, being licenced and practising Physicians or Surgeons, resident in the City of Quebec, under an ordinance of this Province, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, chapter the eighth, which Physicians or Surgeons so appointed, shall form a Board of Vaccination, which shall under this Act be charged with the encouragement of the practice of Vaccine Inoculation, with the superintendance and direction of the application of the monies hereby granted for that purpose; three of which physicians or surgeons, shall form a quorum; and it shall be the duty of the persons composing the said Board, to encourage the practice of Vaccine Inoculation, to receive the returns of every licensed physician or surgeon residing in the towns, or in the country parishes, who shall under this Act have inoculated the vaccine disease, gratis, when the same shall have produced its full effect; and to pay, or cause to be paid to

such physician or surgeon as shall so have inoculated, such price or remuneration as they shall deem reasonable; Provided always, that such recompense shall not in any case exceed four shillings currency, for every person who shall so have been inoculated with effect.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Board of Vaccination to pay, or cause to be paid, out of the monies hereby appropriated, a reasonable recompense to all such licensed and practising physicians, or surgeons residing in the town or country parishes throughout this province, for each and every person successfully vaccinated, or inoculated with the vaccine matter, in the several places or parishes wherein such physicians or surgeons may reside, they, the said physicians satisfying the said Board by attested and sworn certificates of the number of persons so inoculated, and of their proceedings and success in their inoculation, with the vaccine matter as aforesaid.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no such price or recompense shall be granted to such physician or surgeon, who shall so have inoculated the vaccine disease as aforesaid, unless he shall previously lay before the said Board, a register containing the age, sex, name and surname of all persons so inoculated, and the name of the towns or parishes, signeuries [seigneuries] or townships in which they respectively reside; the said register, containing at the foot thereof, an affirmation on oath made before a Justice of the Peace, that the said Register is correct and true, and that the persons whole names are inscribed on the said register, as having been so inoculated, have been so, to the best of his knowledge, with effect.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to appoint a fit and proper person to be Secretary to the said Board, and to grant to him for his care and trouble, and contingent expences, a sum not exceeding in the whole, one hundred and fifty pounds, currency, for the whole time necessary to the execution of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the said Board of Vaccination, to lay a copy of their proceedings, and a statement of the manner in which the monies appropriated by this Act shall have been employed, before the three branches of the Legislature, at the now ensuing Session of the same.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that a copy of this Act shall be transmitted to each and every licensed and practising civil physician or surgeon, under the above mentioned ordinance throughout this Province.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated under and 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.