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10 Victoria – Chapter 55

**An Act to provide for the erection of a building for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum. Passed 14th April 1847.**

Whereas it having been found necessary to erect a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, certain Commissioners have been appointed by the Government, under and by virtue of appropriation by Law, for the purpose of erecting such Building on a site near the City of Saint John, selected by the said Commissioners and approved of by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council: And whereas the said Commissioners have proceeded by contract to the erection of the said Building, but the Legislature have decided not to proceed with the said Asylum according to the terms of the said contract, and the plans and specifications therein referred to;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the said Commissioners so heretofore appointed, or any three of them, or any Commissioners hereafter to be appointed, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered further to contract, agree and enter into contracts with able and sufficient workmen for the erection of and completing on the said site, a Building suitable and proper for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, adapted to the present necessities of the Province, together with such out-offices and buildings as may be necessary therefor, for such sum or sums of money as may be found necessary, not however to exceed in all, for the erection of such building, offices and out-buildings, the sum of twelve thousand five hundred pounds, and to receive bonds and other securities for the due performance of such contracts, and also to enforce the performance of such contracts, and if necessary, to sue, prosecute and recover upon such contracts, bonds or other securities, in any Court having competent jurisdiction in the premises; provided that no contract shall be entered into by the said Commissioners for the erection thereof, until the same, with the plans and specifications, shall have been first sanctioned by the Executive Government; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the erection of any such buildings on the site aforesaid, until the fee simple thereof shall have been first vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the use of the said Asylum, or until a good and sufficient agreement shall have been entered into to vest the same in manner aforesaid, when required so to do.

II. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of erecting the said building, offices and out-buildings, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to draw from the Province Treasury, in addition to the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds heretofore granted and applied by the said Commissioners, the further sum of ten thousand pounds; provided that not more than five thousand pounds be drawn during the present year.

III. And be it enacted, That upon the due execution of a good and sufficient Grant and Conveyance to the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, of the said lot of Land so selected and approved of as a site for the said Provincial Lunatic Asylum, there shall be paid from the Provincial Treasury to the Grantor or Grantors of the said lot of Land, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, who is hereby authorized to issue the same, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, the sum of two thousand pounds.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have power and authority to appoint some fit and proper person, to be approved of by the Executive Government, as a Surveyor or Overseer to superintend the erection of the said buildings, and to pay to the said person such reasonable and proper compensation or hire, as they may deem expedient, which shall be reckoned and considered as part of the expenses of such buildings, and be paid out of the sum so appropriated as aforesaid.