

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1863.*

26 Victoria – Chapter 7

**An Act to Amend an Act passed in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act for the Establishment of a Board of Works.” (Passed 25th March, 1863.)**

Whereas an Act was passed in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act for the Establishment of a Board of Works,” whereby the Governor in Council was empowered to appoint Six Persons to form, with the Surveyor General, a Board of Works, for the Management and Superintendence of the Public Buildings and other Property of the Colony, and for the discharge of various other duties prescribed by the said Act: And whereas the Powers thus conferred, and the Duties thus imposed, upon the said Board, are found to be more extensive than is consistent with a due regard to the efficiency of the Public Service, in matters under their control; and it is therefore expedient that the said Act should be Amended in this respect:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:

- I. The Eighth and Ninth Sections of the said Act are hereby Repealed.
- II. The said Board shall keep a full and true Record of all Proceedings had at their several Meetings, and no such Proceedings shall be of any force or effect until the same shall have been confirmed by the Governor in Council.
- III. In case of any such Proceedings, or any part thereof, not being confirmed, or by way of addition thereto, if confirmed, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council (if His Excellency shall see fit so to do) to direct that some further or other Proceedings be had by the said Board, and such direction shall be entered upon the Records of the said Board, and shall be by them carried into effect.
- IV. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, if he shall be of opinion that such Proceeding is calculated to promote the efficiency of the Public Service, by a Minute of Council, to be published in the Royal Gazette, to separate the Office of Chairman of the Board of Works from that of Surveyor General, and, subject to the approval of the Legislature, to allow to such Chairman such Salary as he shall think reasonable; and such Chairman and the said Board shall, after such separation, have the same Power and Authority, and be invested with the same Rights, Privileges and Incidents, as they now respectively have under the said recited Act, as Amended by this present Act: Provided that after such Separation as aforesaid, so much of the Second Section of the said recited Act as gives to the Chairman of the said Board supervision over the Crown Lands, shall be Repealed, and of no effect.
- V. The Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of the said Board, after such Separation as aforesaid, shall not disqualify the Holder from being Elected to the Assembly, or from Sitting and Voting therein, within the provisions of the Act passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act for better securing the Independence of the House of Assembly.”