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An Act for the Establishment of a Public Park in Saint John's. (Passed April 13, 1864.)

Whereas the appropriation of a Tract of Land in the neighbourhood of the Town of Saint John's, tor the purpose of a Public Park, would tend to promote the health and comfort of the Inhabitants, by providing for them means of recreation and exercise: And whereas the only suitable Land at the disposal of the Government, namely, a lot of Land recently surrendered by the Natives' Society for the purposes of this Act, and a lot of Land heretofore used as a Botanical Garden, are insufficient for this object; and His Excellency Sir Alexander Bannerman has consented to add thereto a parcel of Land, the private property of the Governor for the time being, situate on the South side of the Circular Road, adjoining the lots above mentioned, and containing about Ten Acres, upon condition of the estimated annual value of the said parcel of Land being secured to the use of the Officer administering the Government for the time being.

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

I. All that parcel of Land, containing about Twelve Acres, shewn and described in a Plan thereof deposited in the Office of the Surveyor General, and situate in the rear of the Town of St. John's, bounded South by the Military Road, Three Hundred and Sixty-one Feet, more or less; and by the grounds of the Colonial Building, One Hundred and Ninety Feet, more or less East, by the said grounds of the Colonial Building, Three Hundred and Seventeen Feet, more or less, and by Bannerman Road, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Feet, more or less; North, by the Circular Road, Four Hundred and Fifty-eight Feet, more or less; and West by the property of Calver and others, Thirteen Hundred and Two Feet, more or less: And all such other adjoining lands as may at anytime be procured by the Government for that purpose, shall be and the same are hereby vested in Her Majesty, Her Heir and Successors, and shall be, and are hereby set apart, dedicated and appropriated, as and for the sole use and purpose of a Public Park, for the use and accommodation of the Inhabitants of Saint John's, and of all others, resorting to the same.

II. The said Park, when opened and established, shall be named and known as "Bannerman Park," and shall be under the control and supervision of the Surveyor General, in whose possession the same shall be held to be; and such moneys as may, from time to time, be granted by the Legislature for that service, shall be applied as the Governor in Council may direct, in protecting, improving, and ornamenting the said Park.

III. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, to make and ordain rules and orders for the regulation, use and management of the said Park, for the preservation of the Fences, and other public property appertaining to the same, and for the maintenance of order and propriety therein; and such rules shall be published, by being printed and hung up in the said Park; and a

violation of any of such rules or orders shall subject the offender to expulsion and removal from the said Park by the Surveyor General, or any one acting under his authority, or by a Peace Officer, and to a fine, not exceeding Five Dollars, in addition to the cost of repairing any damage or injury caused to the said Park by such offender, to be recovered, with costs, in a summary manner, before any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, by a suit to be brought in the name of the Surveyor General; and every such offender who shall not, upon adjudication, pay such fine, may be imprisoned for any time not exceeding fourteen days.

IV. A sum of Eighty Dollars shall be payable annually, on the first day of January in each year, to the Governor for the time being, after the termination, of office of the present Governor, in lieu of the ten acres aforesaid, such annual payments to be and form a charge on the rents of Crown Lands.