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29 Victoria – Chapter 12

**An Act to amend the Acts for the Establishment of a Board of Works. (Passed 1st May, 1866.)**

Whereas it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Board of Works:  
Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:—

I. The Board of Works shall be Composed of a Chairman and four other Members, to be appointed, as occasion may require, by the Governor in Council, to hold office during pleasure, any three of whom shall be a quorum: The Board shall have the superintendence and management of the Government House, Colonial Building, Court Houses, the Penitentiary and Gaols, Lunatic Asylum, Custom Houses, Light Houses, erected and to be erected, Buoys and Beacons, Poor Asylum, and all other Buildings and Property belonging to the Colony, and also of all Public Roads, Streets and Bridges, made, or to be made, within the Colony: The Board shall have and exercise the power and authority of the Board of Works superseded by this Act, and subject to its provisions.

II. The Chairman of the Board shall have a salary of Eleven hundred and fifty-four dollars, and shall not be disqualified 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."

III. The Board shall have a Secretary, to be appointed by the Governor in Council, to hold office during pleasure, at a salary of Nine hundred and twenty-four Dollars; and that a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirty-one Dollars be appropriated each year towards compensating non-official Members of the said Board for their attendance: Provided that a Member of the Assembly, who shall not receive any part of the said amount, shall not be disqualified from being appointed to the said Board.

IV. The Governor in Council shall have full power, at all times, to make and establish general Rules and Regulations for the meetings and management of the Board of Works: Provided that the Board may make, from time to time, Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations, but which shall not be of any force or effect until approved of by the Governor in Council.

V. The Governor in Council to appoint and remove all Officers, Superintendents and Keepers of Public Buildings and Light Houses, Road Inspectors, and Surveyors, and other necessary officers and servants of the said Board, who shall respectively hold office during pleasure, and to allow to all persons so employed such salaries or other compensation as he shall deem reasonable, but not to exceed the amount now allowed any officer, without the sanction of the Legislature, and subject to its annual revision and control.

VI. The Board shall keep a full and true record of all proceedings had at the 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.

VII. In case of any such proceeding, or any part thereof, not being 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 proceeding 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.

VIII. The Chairman of the Board shall have and exercise the power and authority vested in the Surveyor General by virtue of an Act passed in the Twenty- fourth and Twenty-fifth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to make further provision for the prevention of Nuisances."

IX. All actions brought by or against the said Board may be taken in the name of the Chairman for the time being; and no action shall be commenced against the said Board, for any thing done in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, until One Calendar Month after notice in writing shall have been delivered to the said Chairman, or left at the office of the said Board, by the party who intend to institute such action, his Attorney or Agent, in which notice shall be clearly and explicitly contained the cause of action, the name and place of abode of the person who is to bring the same, and the name and place of abode of his Attorney or Agent.

X. The Salaries payable under this Act shall be paid quarterly, by warrant on the Receiver General.

XI. The Board shall make a general statement of their affairs to the Governor, quarterly, and a particular report yearly, of their proceedings, to be laid before the Legislature at the opening of the then next session.