

attendance of any person, or the production of any document, paper or thing before him; and such subpoena shall issue accordingly on the order of such Judge, or such subpoena may issue on the application of any Member of the said Board, to compel such attendance, or the production of any document, paper or thing before such Commissioner.

XXIV. If any person summoned in the manner hereinbefore provided to attend before the said Board of Audit or any Commissioner appointed as aforesaid, shall, without valid excuse, fail to attend accordingly,—or, being commanded to produce any document, paper or thing in his possession, shall fail to produce the same,—or shall refuse to be sworn or to answer any lawful and pertinent question put to him by the Board or by such Commissioner, such person shall, for each such offence, forfeit the sum of Twenty Pounds to the Crown, for the public uses of the Province, to be recovered in any manner in which debts due to the Crown can be recovered, and may likewise be dealt with by the Court out of which the subpoena issued, as having refused to obey the process of such Court, and as being guilty of a contempt thereof.

Penalty on persons refusing to obey any such subpoena.

How recoverable.

XXV. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to weaken or impair any remedy which the Crown now has for recovering or enforcing the payment or delivering of any money or property belonging to the Crown, for the public uses of the Province, and in the possession of any Officer or Person whomsoever, by virtue of the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to provide for the Management of the Customs and of matters relative to the Collection of the Provincial Revenue*, or by virtue of any other Act or Law, or to repeal or impair the effect of any provision of the Act last cited.

Act not to impair any remedy given to the Crown by 8 V. c. 4.

## C A P . L X X I X .

An Act to abolish Postage on Newspapers published within the Province of Canada, and for other purposes connected with the Post Office Department of this Province.

[Assented to 19th May, 1855.]

**W**HEREAS papers devoted to the advancement of Education, Temperance, Science, Agriculture and other special objects, are now exempt from postage; And whereas it would further materially aid the diffusion of useful knowledge to remove all postal restrictions on the transmission of Newspapers in general, published within this Province, and of all documents printed by order of either House of Parliament: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada,

Preamble.

Canada,

Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows :

- I. All Newspapers published within the Province of Canada, shall be transmitted by mail free of Postage.
- II. So much of the fourth section of the Post Office Act, as limits the salary and emoluments of any Officer of the Post Office Department (except the Postmaster General) to four hundred pounds per annum, is repealed; and the total salary and emoluments of any Officer of the said Department (except the Postmaster General) shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds per annum: Provided always, that so long as William Henry Griffin, Esquire, shall hold his present office of Chief Secretary of the Post Office Department, he shall be paid at the rate of six hundred pounds per annum.
- III. So much of the sixteenth section of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Post Office Act*, as limits the number of Inspectors of Post Offices, is repealed.
- IV. All Letters and other mailable matter addressed to or sent by the Governor of this Province, or sent to or by any Public Department at the seat of Government, shall be free of Provincial Postage under such regulations as may be directed by the Governor in Council.
- V. All Letters and other mailable matter addressed to or sent by the Speaker or Chief Clerk of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly, or by or to any Member of either of said branches of the Legislature during any Session of the Legislature, shall be free of Provincial Postage.
- VI. All public documents and printed papers may be sent by the Speaker or Chief Clerk of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly, to any Member of either of the said branches of the Legislature of Canada, during the recess of Parliament, free of Postage.
- VII. Members of either branch of the Legislature of Canada may send during the recess of Parliament by mail, free of Postage, all papers printed by order of either branch of the Legislature of Canada.
- VIII. So much of either of the Acts above cited as may be inconsistent with the foregoing provisions is repealed.
- IX. This Act shall come into effect on and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Canadian Newspapers to pass free.

Limitation of salaries repealed.

New limitation.

Proviso as to W. H. Griffin.

Limitation of number of Inspectors, repealed.

Certain Departmental mailable matter to pass free.

Letters to and from members of Parliament, in session, &c., to pass free.

Public documents, &c., may be sent free to members in recess.

And Members may send them free.

Repeal of inconsistent provisions.

Commencement of Act.