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**An Act to make provision for a Geological Survey of this Province. (17th March, 1845.)**

Whereas a Geological Survey of this Province of Canada has been instituted for ascertaining the Mineral Resources thereof; And whereas the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, already granted to Her Majesty to defray the probable expenses of the same, has been found inadequate for the effectual investigation of so extensive a Territory as is comprised within the limits of the Province; And whereas it is expedient that the said Survey should be continued to a completion: 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, 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, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, in Council, to employ a suitable number of competent persons, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Governor in Council, to make an accurate and complete Geological Survey of this Province, and furnish a full and scientific description of its Rocks, Soils and Minerals, which shall be accompanied with proper Maps, Diagrams, and Drawings, together with a collection of Specimens to illustrate the same; which Maps, Diagrams, Drawings and Specimens shall be deposited in some suitable place which the Governor in Council shall appoint, and shall serve as a Provincial collection, and duplicates of the same, after they have served the purposes of the Survey, shall be deposited in such of the Literary and Educational Institutions of the Eastern and Western divisions of the Province, as by the same authority shall be deemed most advantageous.

II. And be it enacted, That from the unappropriated public monies of the Province, a sum not exceeding two thousand pounds, shall be annually applied, for a term of years not exceeding five years from the passing of this Act, to defray the expenses of the said Survey, or any arrears of expenditure already incurred, which sum shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct.

III. And be it enacted, That the person or persons employed by the Governor in Council for the purposes mentioned in the first section of this Act, shall make a report to the Governor of this Province on or before the first day of May in each year, setting forth generally the progress made in the Survey hereby authorized.

IV. And be it enacted, That the words "Governor in Council," wheresoever they occur in this Act, shall be understood to mean the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof.

V. And be it enacted, That the due application of the monies hereby appropriated shall be accounted for to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in such manner and form as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors shall direct; and an account thereof shall be laid before the Provincial Legislature at the then next Session thereof.