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An Act to provide for the distribution of the Printed Copies of the Laws. (29th March, 1845.)

Whereas it is doubtful how far the Laws of Upper or Lower Canada respectively, concerning the custody and distribution of the Printed Acts of the Legislature of those Provinces, may be applicable to the Printed Acts of the Legislature of Canada, and it is expedient to make better provision for the distribution of the Printed Acts of the Legislature, and for that purpose to repeal the Acts or Laws which may be now in force with regard to such distribution: 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 the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Lower Canada, passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the more certain and expeditions distribution of the Printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province;" and the third section of the Act of the said Legislature, passed in the thirty-fourth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and intituled, "An Act to provide for the publication of certain Laws, and for the printing and distributing to certain persons, for the purpose of public information, all Laws that have been or shall be passed in the Legislature of this Province, under the present Constitution; and the second section of the Act of the said Legislature, passed in the forty-third year of the Reign last aforesaid, and intituled, "An Act for the more ample publication of certain Acts of the Provincial Parliament;" and the third section of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the forty-fourth year of the Reign last aforesaid, and intituled, "An Act to promulgate the Provincial Statutes, and also to repeal so much of an Act passed in the forty first year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to Printing the Journals," and so much of any other Act or Law in force in this Province, as may relate to the custody or distribution of the Printed Acts of the Legislature, or to the Administrative Bodies, Officers, or persons who are to receive copies thereof at the expense of tire Province, shall be, and the said Acts or provisions of Law are hereby repealed: Provided always, that the repeal thereof shall not revive any Act or provision thereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Legislative Council to furnish Her Majesty's Printer with a certified copy of each and every Act of the Provincial Parliament, so soon as the same shall have received the Royal assent, or if the Bill shall have been reserved, so soon as the Royal assent thereto shall have been proclaimed in this Province.

III. And be it enacted, That Her Majesty's Printer, from time to time hereafter, shall, immediately after the close of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, or so soon after as may be practicable, deliver or transmit by Post, or otherwise, in the most economical mode, the proper number of

printed copies of the Acts of the Legislature of the said Province in the English language or French language, or both languages, to be printed by him at the public expense, to the parties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: To the Members of the two Houses of the Legislature respectively, such numbers of copies each, as may from time to time be directed by any joint Resolution of the said Houses, or in default of such Resolution, in such numbers as shall be directed by any Order of the Governor in Council,—to such Public Departments, Administrative Bodies and Officers, throughout the Province, as may be specified in any Order to be for that, purpose made from time to time by the Governor in Council: Provided, nevertheless, in case any Bill or Bills shall receive the Royal assent during and before the termination of any Session of the Provincial Parliament, Her Majesty's Printer shall, on intimation to that effect from the Secretary of the Province, cause distribution to be made of such number of copies thereof, to the same parties, and in like manner as is hereinbefore provided, in regard to the Act or Acts of any Session of the Provincial Parliament; any thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Secretary of the said Province shall, within fifteen days after the close of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, transmit to Her Majesty's Printer a list of all the Public Departments, Administrative Bodies and Officers to whom such copies are to be transmitted as aforesaid, and shall also, from time to time, as occasion may require, furnish him with copies of all Orders in Council made, under the provisions of this Act.

V. And be it enacted, That if after the distribution of the said Printed Acts as aforesaid, any copies shall remain in the hands of Her Majesty's Printer, it shall be lawful for him to deliver any number thereof to any person or persons to whom he may be authorized to deliver the same by order of the Governor, on notice thereof by the Secretary of the Province, or to the Members of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly, on the order of the Speaker of the said Houses respectively.

VI. And be it enacted, That Her Majesty's Printer shall, before the opening of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, make a Report in Triplicate to the Governor of the said Province, (to be by him laid before each of the other Branches of the Legislature within fifteen days after the opening of such Session,) shewing the number of copies of the Acts of each Session which have been printed and distributed by him since the then last Session and the Departments, Administrative Bodies, Officers, and persons to whom the same have been distributed, the number of copies delivered to each, and under what authority, and the numbers of copies of the Acts of each Session then remaining in his hands, and containing also a detailed account of the expenses by him actually incurred in carrying this Act into effect, to the end that provision may be made for defraying the same, after such account shall have been duly audited and allowed.