

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1846. Montreal:
Stewart Derbishire & George Desbarats, 1846.

9 Victoria – Chapter 61

An Act to authorize the issue of Debentures for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum at Toronto. 9th June, 1846.

Whereas it is expedient to make further provision for erecting and furnishing the Lunatic Asylum at the City of Toronto: 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 there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding thirty thousand pounds, currency, to be raised by Debentures in the manner hereinafter mentioned, to enable Her Majesty to defray the expense of erecting and furnishing the Lunatic Asylum at the City of Toronto now in progress, and to be applied to that purpose under such regulations as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct and appoint, for the guidance of the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed, according to the Statute of Upper Canada, in that behalf made and provided.

II. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of raising such sum as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to authorize the issue of Debentures to an amount not exceeding the said sum, in such form, and for such separate sums, and redeemable respectively at such times, as may be found most convenient, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum; the principal and interest of the said Debentures not being chargeable upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, but being payable out of the proceeds of the rate or tax of one-eighth of a penny in the pound imposed by the Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to authorize the erection of an Asylum in this Province, for the reception of Insane and Lunatic Persons*, as the same shall come into the hands of the Receiver General,—the proceeds of which said rate or tax are hereby specially appropriated to the payment of the said principal and interest.

III. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall forge or counterfeit any Debenture to be issued under the authority of this Act, or any stamp, indorsement or writing thereon or therein, or shall demand to have such counterfeit Debenture, or any Debenture with such counterfeit writing or other indorsement thereon or therein, to be exchanged for money by any person or persons who shall be obliged or required to exchange the same or by any other person or persons whomsoever, knowing the Debenture so tendered or the indorsement or writing thereon or therein to be so forged or counterfeited, with intent to defraud Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or the person appointed to pay the same or any of them, or any other person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, then every person so offending being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged

in that behalf, not exceeding imprisonment at hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for seven years.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province at any time by Proclamation to call in any of the said Debentures, although the time therein named for the payment thereof may not have arrived, in order that the same may be paid off; and that at the expiration of six months from the date of such Proclamation, all interest on the Debentures called in for payment as aforesaid shall cease.

V. And be it enacted, That accounts in detail of all monies received and paid, and of the Debentures issued and the interest thereon, and of the redemption of the whole or any part of such Debentures, and of all expenses attending the collection and payment of the sums of money collected, received or paid by authority of this Act, shall be laid before the Legislature of this Province at each Session thereof.

VI. And be it enacted, That the due application of the monies so to be raised 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 be graciously pleased to direct.

VII. And be it enacted, That the words "Governor in Council," whenever they occur in this Act, shall be construed 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.