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An Act to provide for the payment of certain Rebellion Losses in Lower Canada, and to appropriate the proceeds of the Marriage License Fund. 9th June, 1846.

Whereas it is expedient to make provisions for the payment of the sums ascertained by the fourth and fifth Reports of the Commissioners appointed under the Ordinance of the Administrator of the Government of the late Province of Lower Canada, and the special Council for the affairs thereof, passed in the first year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Ordinance to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to investigate the claims of certain Loyal Inhabitants of this Province*, for loses sustained during the late unnatural Rebellion: 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 nine thousand nine hundred and eighty six pounds, seven shillings and two pence, currency, to be raised by debentures in the manner hereinafter mentioned, to enable Her Majesty to pay the sums reported by the Commissioners under the Ordinance aforesaid, in their said fourth and fifth reports as being required to indemnify the persons therein mention, respectively, for their losses sustained during and by reason of the Rebellion in the said Ordinance mentioned.

II. And be it enacted, That for the purposes of raising such sums 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, being interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum; the principal and interest of the said debentures not being chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, but being payable out of that portion of the Marriage License Fund arising in Lower Canada, as the same shall come into the hands of the Receiver General, the proceeds of which portion of the said Fund are hereby specially appropriated to the payment of the said principal and interest.

III. And be it enacted, That the proceeds of that portion of the said Marriage License Fund arising in Upper Canada, shall be and are hereby specially appropriated towards the support of the following public Institutions in that portion of the Province, for which grants have usually been made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, that is to say, The Toronto General Hospital, The Kingston Hospital, The Toronto House of Industry, The Kingston Indigent Sick, and The Upper Canada Lunatic Asylum, to be applied in such manner and for such amounts as the Governor in Council shall direct.

IV. 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.

V. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.