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An Act to provide Funds for defraying the cost of the erection of the Lunatic Asylum and other Public Buildings in Upper Canada. 10th August, 1850.

Whereas it is expedient to make better provision for paying off the principal and interest of the Debentures issued for the purpose of raising funds for defraying the expense of erecting the Lunatic Asylum in Upper Canada, under the provisions of the Act hereinafter mentioned, and for raising a fund for defraying the cost of erecting other public buildings in that portion of this Province of general importance to the inhabitants thereof: 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 so much of the Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to authorize the erection of an Asylum within this Province, for the reception of Insane and Lunatic Persons*, as authorizes the imposing of an assessment of one-eighth of a penny in the pound for the purposes of the said Act, shall be and is hereby repealed; as are also all rates and assessments made under the authority of the said Act: except in so far as regards any arrears of such rates and assessments remaining due and unpaid when the said repeal shall take effect.

II. And be it enacted, That instead of the rate mentioned in the said Act, there shall be and there is hereby imposed upon all taxable property, real or personal, in Upper Canada, a yearly rate or tax of six pence in the hundred pounds (and so in proportion on any less sum) on the assessed actual value of such property, or of one penny in the pound on the assessed yearly value thereof, according as the same is assessed by its actual or yearly value, and such rate or tax shall be entered upon the Collector's Rolls, in a separate column, by the Clerk or Officer making out the same, and shall be received, collected and levied by the same Officers, at the same times and in the same manner as other local taxes, rates or assessments on the same property; and all moneys arising therefrom and received by any Collector shall be paid over by him to the County Treasurer or City Chamberlain, at the same times and under the same provisions, and with the same remedy in case of non-payment as other moneys payable to him by such Collector, and all such moneys received by any Treasurer or Chamberlain, shall by him be paid over (retaining five per cent., of which one half shall be allowed by him to the Collectors respectively, on sums collected by them) to the Receiver General of the Province, for the purposes of this Act, at such times and in such manner as the Governor shall from time to time direct and require; and such moneys shall, in the hands of such Treasurer or Chamberlain, be held to be moneys received by him for duties due to Her Majesty, and such Treasurer or Chamberlain shall, in default of paying over the same, be liable accordingly.

III. And be it enacted, That the sums paid over to the Receiver General under the next preceding section of this Act shall be applied—

First—To the payment of the interest on all Debentures issued on account of the said Lunatic Asylum and now outstanding, and also of the interest on any Debentures which may be issued under the authority of Parliament for the purpose of raising money to complete the said Asylum, or to defray the expense of procuring a site for or of erecting any other Public Building in Upper Canada, for any Institution of general importance to the inhabitants of that portion of the Province.

Secondly—To the formation of a Sinking Fund of not less than one thousand five hundred pounds per annum, towards paying off the principal of such Debentures as aforesaid.

Thirdly—Towards the support of the said Lunatic Asylum and of any other such Institution as aforesaid, in such manner as shall be directed by Parliament.

IV. And be it enacted, That the foregoing provisions of this Act shall have force and effect upon, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and not before.

V. And be it enacted, That out of any moneys arising from any rate or assessment imposed under the Act first above cited, there may be paid and applied such sums as may be required to defray the expenses of the said Lunatic Asylum for the present year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in addition to the Parliamentary grant for that purpose.