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An Act to make provision for the erection of certain Public Buildings at Toronto, for the better accommodation of the Government and of the Legislature, at that City. Assented to 14th June, 1853.

Whereas it is expedient that ample accommodation should be provided at Toronto for the residence of the Governor General, for the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, and for the various Departments of the Public Service, before the time when the Sittings of the Legislature, and consequently the Seat of the Provincial Government, will, under the existing arrangements, be transferred for four years to the said City: And whereas the buildings heretofore used for the said purposes in the said City are wholly inadequate therefor, and the ground on which they stand, is coming rapidly to be within the commercial and business portion of the City, so that while it will be every year less adapted to the purposes to which it has been hitherto applied, its value will become so great that it can no longer be so applied with a due regard to economy, at the same time that its application to such purposes would stand greatly in the way of improvements urgently required in the said City for commercial and business purposes; And whereas the site hereinafter mentioned is the most eligible for the purposes aforesaid: 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 a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Pounds, (in addition to the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds already appropriated for a new Government House) be appropriated for the purpose of erecting a Government House, a Parliament House, and Buildings for the accommodation of the several Public Departments, with the requisite appurtenances, on such portion of the ground in the said City of Toronto forming part of the University Endowment, and lying at the head of the College Avenue, and not required for Collegiate purposes, as may be found requisite for such buildings and the proper appurtenances thereto: and that such portion of the said ground as shall by the Governor in Council be deemed requisite for the purposes aforesaid, shall be set off by the Commissioners of Public Works, and shall be vested in the Crown for the Public uses of the Province.

II. And be it enacted, That the ground which shall be so set off and taken for the purposes aforesaid, shall be valued by competent persons to be appointed by the Governor, and that the interest of the value thereof so ascertained, at six per cent. per annum, shall be paid yearly out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of the University Income Fund, and shall form part thereof.

III. And be it enacted, That the said sum of Fifty Thousand Pounds shall be paid out of the Permanent Fund appropriated for the support of the said University and University College, and that the interest thereon at six per cent, per annum, shall be paid yearly out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund 10 the credit of the University Income Fund; Provided that such portion (if any) of the said Fifty Thousand Pounds as may be required before the said Permanent Fund shall produce a sufficient sum, may be taken in the meantime out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to be repaid to the same from the said Permanent Fund.

IV. And be it enacted, That the lands upon which the present Government House and Parliament Buildings at Toronto are situate, with the ground and water lots in front thereof, shall be sold by public auction in such lots and at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council shall deem best for the public interest; and the proceeds of such sale shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a sufficient amount thereof being invested in Provincial Securities by the Receiver General to produce yearly an amount of interest equal to that payable to the University Income Fund, as hereinbefore mentioned; and the lands so sold shall be granted and conveyed to the respective purchasers by Letters Patent, in which nevertheless any conditions whatever upon which the lands shall have been sold may be inserted, and such conditions shall be enforced by all Courts of Law or Equity, whether they be or be not such as are in other cases held to be consistent with a grant.

V. And be it enacted, That all sums payable under this Act out of any public moneys in the bands of the Receiver General shall be paid upon Warrant of the Governor; and that all sums of money expended under this Act 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 that an account thereof shall be laid before both Houses of the Provincial Parliament within fifteen days after the opening of the then next Session thereof.