

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

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**An Act to make further provision for the Geological Survey of this Province. Assented to 16th May, 1856.**

Whereas by an Act of the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered sixteen, the sum of two thousand pounds annually, for five years, was appropriated for making a Geological Survey of this Province, and by an Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered twelve, the said Act was revived and further extended for five years; And whereas the said appropriation has been found insufficient to carry on the Survey in an effectual manner, and it is desirable to make such an increase to the establishment as will hasten the completion of the undertaking and enlarge its usefulness: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Out of the unappropriated public moneys of the Province, a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds shall be annually applied, for a term not exceeding five years from the passing of this Act, to defray the expenses of the Geological Survey or any arrears of expenditure already incurred, which sum shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct, subject to the provisions hereinafter made.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to employ a suitable number of competent persons to complete the Geological Survey of this Province, and to direct the publication of such maps and drawings as may be deemed necessary to illustrate the same; to establish a Geological Museum at some convenient place, which shall be open at all seasonable hours to the public, and which shall be furnished with such books and instruments as may be necessary for the illustration of the science and the prosecution of the Survey, and to order from time to time the distribution of the publications relative to the Survey and of duplicate specimens, to scientific institutions in this Province and other countries.

III. And further to promote the collection of geological information, all persons who, after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, may apply to be admitted as Provincial Land Surveyors, shall be examined in the rudiments of Geology; and the Director of the Geological Survey shall, with that object, be a member of the two Boards of Examiners constituted by the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act concerning Land Surveyors*.

IV. For the purpose of attaining an accurate basis from which the geological and topographical features of the country may be ascertained, and for the purpose of connecting together local and partial surveys, it shall be the duty of the Director of the Geological Survey to cause permanent marks in some public buildings, or other marks of a durable description, to be made at several

convenient stations in the Province, and to fix accurately the latitude and longitude and relative levels thereof, as points of reference.

V. All Railway and Canal Companies hereafter to be incorporated are hereby required to furnish to the Geological Survey, without charge, certified copies of all plans and sections of their Surveys; and all such Companies already incorporated, shall furnish such plans and sections of their Surveys upon the demand of the Director of the Geological Survey, and at the cost of the same.

VI. The Director of the Geological Survey shall make a report to the Governor of this Province, on or before the first day of March in each year, shewing, generally, the progress made in the Survey.

VII. The due application of the moneys hereby appropriated shall be accounted for to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the manner provided by the Interpretation Act, and an account thereof shall be laid before the Provincial Legislature at the next Session thereof.