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CHAPTER 116

The Department of Justice Act

1. In this Act,Interpre-
tation

- (a) "Department" means the Department of Justice;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Justice and Attorney General. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 1.

2.—(1) The department of the public service known as the Department of Justice is continued. Department continued

(2) The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Department. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 2. Minister to have charge

3.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General who shall be the deputy head of the Department. Deputy Minister

(2) Such officers, clerks and servants may be appointed under *The Public Service Act* as are required from time to time for the proper conduct of the business of the Department. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 3. Staff R.S.O. 1970, c. 386

4. The moneys required for the purposes of the Department shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 4. Moneys required by Department

5. The Minister,

Functions

- (a) is the Law Officer of the Executive Council;
- (b) shall see that the administration of public affairs is in accordance with the law;
- (c) shall superintend all matters connected with the administration of justice in Ontario;
- (d) shall perform the duties and have the powers that belong to the Attorney General and Solicitor General of England by law or usage, so far as those duties and powers are applicable to Ontario, and also shall perform the duties and have the powers that, up to the time of the *British North America Act, 1867* came into effect, belonged to the offices of the Attorney General and Solicitor General in the provinces of Canada and Upper Canada and which, under the provisions of that Act, are within the scope of the powers of the Legislature;

- (e) shall advise the Government upon all matters of law connected with legislative enactments and upon all matters of law referred to him by the Government;
- (f) shall advise the Government upon all matters of a legislative nature and superintend all Government measures of a legislative nature;
- (g) shall advise the heads of the departments and agencies of Government upon all matters of law connected with such departments and agencies;
- (h) shall conduct and regulate all litigation for and against the Crown or any department or agency of Government in respect of any subject within the authority or jurisdiction of the Legislature;
- (i) shall superintend all matters connected with judicial, registry and land titles offices;
- (j) shall perform such other functions as are assigned to him by the Legislature or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 5.

Designation
of depart-
mental
legal
officers as
employees of
Department

6. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may designate any employee in any department or agency of Government who is a member of the bar of Ontario to be an employee of the Department and thereupon such employee becomes an employee of the Department. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 6.

Annual
report

7. The Minister after the close of each year shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report upon the affairs of the Department and shall then lay the report before the Assembly if it is in session or, if not, at the next ensuing session. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 7.

Deemed to
include
other
reports

8.—(1) After this subsection comes into force, all annual reports required to be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Assembly by the Minister or an official of the Department under any other Act shall be deemed to be included in the report submitted under section 7 and need not be submitted in accordance with such other Act. 1968-69, c. 27, s. 8.

Commence-
ment
of subs. 1

(2) Subsection 1 does not come into force until a day to be named by the Lieutenant Governor by his proclamation.
