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## CHAPTER 343.

## The Royal Ontario Museum Act.

**1.** In this Act "University" shall mean University of Toronto. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 2. Interpretation.  
"University."

**2.** There shall be established at the City of Toronto a Provincial Museum to be called "The Royal Ontario Museum." R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 3. Provincial  
Museum.

**3.** The purposes of the Museum shall be— Objects.

(a) The collection and exhibition of objects of every kind calculated to illustrate the natural history of Ontario, and thereby to aid in a knowledge of what it is able to contribute to science and industry;

(b) The collection and exhibition of objects of any kind calculated to illustrate the natural history of the world and the history of man in all ages;

(c) Such other objects as may be authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 4.

**4.** The control and management of the Museum shall be vested in a Board of Trustees and the Board shall be a body corporate by name of The Royal Ontario Museum, and is hereinafter referred to as "the Board." R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 5. Board of  
Trustees.

**5.** The Board shall consist of ten members including the *ex-officio* members. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 6. Number of  
members.

**6.** The Minister of Mines, the Minister of Education and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board, and the other seven members shall be appointed, four by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and three by the Governors of the University. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 7; 1920, c. 12, s. 10. Ex-officio  
members.

**7.** The appointed members of the Board shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 8. Appointed  
members,  
term of  
office.

Vacancies  
in Board.

**8.** Vacancies in the Board shall be filled in the case of members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and in the case of members appointed by the Governors of the University by the Governors, and any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which the member whose seat he is appointed to fill was appointed. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 9.

Chairman  
and Vice-  
Chairman.

**9.** The Board shall elect annually from its members a chairman and a vice-chairman. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 10.

Appoint-  
ment of  
honorary  
members.

**10.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time appoint honorary members of the Board to act in an advisory capacity and to perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be defined by Order in Council. 1926, c. 70, s. 2.

Real  
property.

**11.** The Board may purchase, acquire, take by devise and hold such real property as it may deem necessary for the purposes of the Museum, and may with the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council mortgage, sell and dispose of the same as occasion may require. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 11.

Lands  
vested in  
Board

**12.** The land hereinafter mentioned which is now vested in the Governors of the University shall be and it is hereby vested in the Board for the purposes of a site for the Museum that is to say : Lots numbers 1 and 2 on the south side of Bloor Street in the City of Toronto, according to registered plan, Number 452E, made by Messieurs Speight and Van Nostrand, Ontario land surveyors, for the Governors of the University of Toronto, subject to the right which is hereby reserved, to the Governors of the University of Toronto, their successors and assigns at all times to maintain and operate the tunnels passing through the said land and the works connected therewith constructed for the purpose of their power plant and to keep them in repair, and the right at all times as occasion may require to enter upon the said land and the buildings thereon for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining and repairing such tunnels and works and to do all things which may be necessary or convenient for that purpose. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 12.

Transfer of  
museum in  
Education  
Department.

**13.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that the objects contained in the Museum of the Department of Education be transferred to the Board on such terms and conditions as he may prescribe. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 13.

Donation to  
Board.

**14.** The Governors of the University and the governing body of any university or college federated or affiliated with the University and any corporation may donate to the Board,

or may transfer to it on such terms and conditions as may be agreed on, any objects of the character mentioned in section 3 which are possessed by the University, College or corporation. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 14.

**15.**—(1) The Governors of the University may provide out of the endowment of the University or by borrowing on the security of it, or under the provisions of *The University Act*, a sum sufficient for the erection, equipment and furnishing of such buildings as the Board may deem necessary for the purposes of the Museum, not exceeding in the whole \$400,000.

Grant from University of Toronto. Rev. Stat. c. 357.

(2) One-half of the sum so provided, including interest thereon, less \$100,000, which has already been repaid, shall be repaid by the Province to the Governors of the University in consecutive annual instalments of not more than \$50,000 each, and the same shall be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund and be paid as directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 15.

Repayment by Province.

**16.**—(1) The cost of the maintenance of the Museum since the 30th day of June, 1910, and hereafter shall be borne one-half by the Province and one-half by the Governors of the University.

Cost of maintenance, how borne.

(2) The cost of the maintenance of the museum shall include the cost of purchasing materials for and other expenses incurred in manufacturing and setting up, and of purchasing and setting up, tables and cases for mounting and enclosing objects for exhibition in the Museum and such other expenditures not ordinarily included in the cost of maintenance as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time declare to form part of such cost.

Cost of maintenance, what to include.

(3) The Board shall in each year prepare and submit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council an estimate of the amount required to be expended in that year for the maintenance of the Museum, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that one-half of such estimated amount be paid to the Board out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in half-yearly instalments in advance of the 15th days of January and July, to be accounted for by the Board after the expiration of the year, when, if the actual expenditure is found to be less than the estimated expenditure, the overpayment shall be made good to the Province by the Board, and if it is found to be greater one-half of the excess shall be paid to the Board out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. 1914, c. 50, s. 2.

Annual estimate and payment by Government thereon.

**17.** The Board shall be deemed to be a department of the Government within the meaning of section 13 of *The Public Works Act*, and for the purposes of that Act. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 17.

Application of Rev. Stat. c. 52.

Exemption  
from  
taxation.

**18.** All property vested in the Board shall be exempt from taxation for municipal, school and other purposes. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 18.

By-laws,  
rules and  
regulations.

**19.** The Board may make by-laws, rules and regulations for the management of the Museum and for the appointment of officers and servants, and such other by-laws as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the objects of this Act and the purposes for which the Museum is established. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 19.

Designation  
of depart-  
ments.

**20.** The by-laws of the Board may provide that the departments of the Museum be designated "The Royal Ontario Museum of (*designating the department*)" and that the person having the supervision of a department be called the Director of it; and may determine what shall constitute a department within the meaning of this section. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 20.

Annulment  
of rules by  
Lieut.-Gov-  
in Council.

**21.** A certified copy of every such by-law, rule or regulation shall be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary within ten days after the passing of it, and the same or any part of it may within one month after such transmission be annulled by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 21.

Accounts,  
audit.

**22.—**(1) The accounts of the Board shall be audited at least once a year by the Provincial Auditor or by some person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for that purpose.

Report on  
receipts, ex-  
penditures.

(2) The Board shall make an annual report of its transactions to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, in which shall be set forth in detail the receipts and expenditures for the year ended on the next preceding 30th day of June, and of the investments as they stood at the end of such year, and such other particulars as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time require.

And on  
investments.

When to be  
transmitted.

(3) Such report shall be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary on or before the 1st day of December next after the close of the year for which it is made, and shall be laid before the Assembly within the first ten days of its then next session. R.S.O. 1914, c. 285, s. 22.

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