CHAPTER 153

The Executive Council Act

1. The Executive Council shall be composed of such persons as the Lieutenant Governor from time to time appoints, and all executive councillors so appointed are ministers of the Crown, and rank among themselves in the order of their appointments. R.S.O. 1960, c. 127, s. 1.

2. The Lieutenant Governor may appoint under the Great Seal from among the ministers of the Crown the following ministers to hold office during pleasure: a President of the Council, a Minister of Justice and Attorney General, a Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, a Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics, a Minister of Revenue, a Minister of Lands and Forests, a Minister of Mines and Northern Affairs, a Minister of Agriculture and Food, a Minister of Public Works, a Minister of Highways, a Minister of Education, a Minister of Labour, a Minister of Health, a Minister of Social and Family Services, a Minister of Municipal Affairs, a Minister of Trade and Development, a Minister of Tourism and Information, a Minister of Correctional Services, a Minister of Transport, a Minister of Energy and Resources Management, a Minister of University Affairs, a Minister of Financial and Commercial Affairs, and such other ministers as he sees fit, and may by order in council prescribe their duties and the duties of the several departments over which they preside, and of the officers and clerks thereof. 1968, c. 37, s. 1, amended.

3.—(1) The annual salary of every minister having charge of a department is $15,000. R.S.O. 1960, c. 127, s. 3 (1); 1968-69, c. 35, s. 1 (1).

(2) The member of the Executive Council holding the recognized position of First Minister shall receive, in addition, $5,000 per annum. R.S.O. 1960, c. 127, s. 3 (2); 1968-69, c. 35, s. 1 (2).

(3) The annual salary of every minister without portfolio is $5,000. 1968-69, c. 35, s. 1 (3).

(4) The salaries are chargeable upon and payable yearly and pro rata for any period less than a year out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. R.S.O. 1960, c. 127, s. 3 (4).
4.—(1) Notwithstanding The Legislative Assembly Act, any of the powers and duties that have been heretofore or may be hereafter assigned by law to any minister of the Crown may from time to time by order in council be assigned and transferred either for a limited period or otherwise to any other minister by name or otherwise.

(2) On request made to him by the minister to whom any duties and powers have been assigned as provided in subsection 1, any other minister may for a period not exceeding one week perform such duties and exercise such powers in place of the minister making the request, and in such case no order in council is necessary.

(3) Where any such duties and powers are assigned to a minister without portfolio, he does not thereby become ineligible as a member of the Assembly or to sit or vote therein. R.S.O. 1960, c. 127, s. 4.

5. No deed or contract in respect of any matter under the control or direction of a minister is binding on Her Majesty or shall be deemed to be the act of such minister unless it is signed by him or is approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1960, c. 127, s. 5.