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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 shall be ministers of the Crown, and shall rank among themselves in the order of their appointments respectively. R.S.O. 1937, c. 14, 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, an Attorney-General, a Secretary and Registrar, a Treasurer, a Minister of Lands and Forests, a Minister of Mines, a Minister of Agriculture, a Minister of Public Works, a Minister of Highways, a Minister of Education, a Minister of Labour, a Minister of Health, a Minister of Public Welfare, a Minister of Municipal Affairs, a Minister of Planning and Development, a Minister of Travel and Publicity, a Minister of Reform Institutions, and such other ministers as he may see 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. R.S.O. 1937, c. 14, s. 2; 1944, c. 18, s. 1; 1946, c. 26, s. 1.

3.—(1) The annual salary of every minister having charge of a department shall be $10,000.

(2) The member of the Executive Council holding the recognized position of First Minister shall receive in addition, $4,000 per annum.

(3) The salaries shall be chargeable upon and payable yearly and pro rata for any period less than a year out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. R.S.O. 1937, c. 14, s. 3.

4.—(1) Notwithstanding The Legislative Assembly Act, any transfer of the powers and duties which 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 person.
(2) On request made to him by the minister to whom any duties and powers have been assigned as herein provided, 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 shall be required.

(3) Where any such duties and powers are assigned to a minister without portfolio he shall not thereby become ineligible as a member of the Assembly or to sit or vote therein. R.S.O. 1937, c. 14, s. 4.

5. No deed or contract in respect of any matter under the control or direction of a minister shall be binding on His Majesty or 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. 1937, c. 14, s. 5.