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CHAPTER 21.

An Act respecting the Raising of Loans authorized by the Legislature.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as The Provincial Loans Act. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 1.

2.—(1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may create a permanent provincial stock, which shall be known as "Ontario Government Stock," and shall be personal property, and the stock, and the interest thereon, shall be charged upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(2) The stock shall be subject to such regulations as to the inscription, registration, transfer, management and redemption thereof as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make.

(3) The stock shall not be redeemable in less than thirty years from the date of issue, but may be redeemed at or after that date, at the option of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, provided six months' previous notice has been given, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may at the time of issue of such stock fix the date at which it shall be redeemed.

(4) The notice may be given by a registered letter addressed to the registered holder of the stock at his address as it appears in the Register. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 2.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations as he deems necessary for the management of the public debt and the payment of the interest thereon, and may, subject to the provisions of the next following section, provide for the creation and management of a sinking fund, or other means of securing the repayment of any loan raised by the authority of the Legislature; and may appoint one or more fiscal agents in London, England, or elsewhere, and agree with them as to the rate of compensation to be allowed them for negotiating loans, and for paying the interest of the debt, and may pay the sums necessary to provide the interest, the sinking fund, or other means aforesaid, and such compensation out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 3.
4.—(1) Where in any Act authority is given to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to raise, by way of loan, any sum of money, then, unless there is some provision to the contrary in the Act by which the authority is given, such sum shall, in the discretion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, be raised in one of the following ways, or partly in one and partly in another or others thereof, that is to say,

(a) By the issue and sale of debentures of Ontario, which shall be in such form, for such separate sums, and at such rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, and the principal and interest whereof shall be made payable at such periods and places as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council deems expedient, and subject to such regulations, including regulations as to inscription, registration and transfer as he may make, and such principal and interest shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund;

(b) By the issue and sale of “Ontario Government Stock,” bearing such rate of interest not exceeding six per cent, per annum, as is deemed expedient, payable half-yearly, and the principal and interest whereof shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund;

(c) By the granting of terminable annuities charged on and to be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, on terms in accordance with what the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem to be the most approved English tables, and based on a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, per annum, and subject to such regulations as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make;

(d) By the issue and sale of exchequer bills, exchequer bonds or treasury bills, in sums of not less than four hundred dollars each, in such form and payable at such periods and places as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council deems expedient, and subject to such regulations as he may make, or by temporary loans; and the interest thereon and the amount of such bills or bonds shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(2) On authorizing the issue of debentures or stock, under clauses (a) or (b) of subsection 1, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to such issue, and may at any time provide for a general sinking fund for all such portions of the debentures or stock as have been or are hereafter issued without provision for a sinking fund with respect to them; provided that the amount to be invested out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in any such sinking fund shall not exceed one-half of one per
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cent. per annum on the amount of the debentures or stock to which it relates.

(3) Any of such securities may be made payable in any

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currency. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 4.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that the
whole or any part of Ontario Government stock be inscribed
and transferred in a register kept in the United Kingdom, or
in any foreign country, at such place, and by such bank,
officer or person as he may appoint. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 5.

6.—(1) The Lieutenant-Governor may, under the Great
Seal or in Council, authorize any person to make any declara-
tion, and take any steps necessary to record such inscribed
stock or any portion thereof under and in accordance with
the provisions of the Imperial Acts, known as the Colonial
Stock Acts of 1877 to 1900, or any amendments thereof.

(2) The Treasurer of Ontario may, out of the Consolidated
Revenue Fund, pay, satisfy and discharge any judgment,
decree, rule or order of a Court in the United Kingdom, which,
under the provisions of section 20 of The Colonial Stock Act,
1877, or any amendment thereto, is to be complied with by
the Registrar of the inscribed stock of Ontario in England.
8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 6.

7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may change the
form of any part of the debt of Ontario by substituting one
class of the securities aforesaid for another, provided that
neither the capital of the debt nor the annual charge for inter-
est is thereby increased, except where a security bearing a
lower rate of interest is substituted for one bearing a higher
rate of interest, in which case only the amount of the
capital may be increased by an amount not exceeding the dif-
ference between the then present value of the securities; but
such substitution shall not be made unless the consent of the
holder of the security for which another is obtained, or such security is previously purchased or redeemed
by or on account of Ontario, and such substitution may be
made by the sale of a security of one class and the purchase
of that for which it is desired to substitute it. 8 Edw. VII.
c. 12, s. 7.

8.—(1) The regulations made by the Lieutenant-Governor
in Council under this or any former Act shall, in so far as
they are not inconsistent with the Act under which they are
made, have the same force and effect as if embodied and en-
acted in an Act of this Legislature.

(2) No officer or person employed in the inscription, regis-
tration, transfer, management or redemption of any of the
aforesaid securities, or in payment of any dividend or inter-
est thereon, shall be bound to see to the execution of any trust,

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expressed or implied, to which such securities are subject, or shall be liable in any way to any person for anything by him done in accordance with any such regulation. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 8.

9. All money raised by the issue and sale of any of the aforesaid securities shall be paid to the Treasurer, and shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 9.

10. All money invested in Ontario Government stock, bonds or debentures and the interest thereon shall be free from all provincial taxes, succession duty, charges and impositions and shall also be exempt from municipal taxation. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 10.

11. Nothing in this Act shall authorize any increase of the public debt without the express authority of this Legislature, except in the manner and to the extent hereinbefore mentioned. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 11.

12. Nothing in this Act shall impair or prejudicially affect the rights of the holder of any securities heretofore issued. 8 Edw. VII. c. 12, s. 12.