BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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No. 19.

An Act for Compiling and Printing a New Edition of the Laws of the Colony of British Columbia.

[28*th March*, 1871.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that measures should be adopted for Compiling a New Edition of the Laws of the Colony of British Columbia, and for Printing the same, and for omitting in the republication of such Edition all such Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, and parts of Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations as have expired, been repealed, or had their effect;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to compile and print Laws.

I. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue a Commission, under the Great Seal, to three persons, constituting them Commissioners for compiling and printing a new edition of the Laws of the Colony of British Columbia, and from time to time, in case of the death, or refusal, or incapacity to act of any or either of the said Commissioners, to appoint some other person or persons to be a Commissioner or Commissioners, as aforesaid, to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Commissioners to prepare and arrange Laws, and omit all repealed Laws, &c.

II. The said Commissioners shall be and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to prepare and arrange for publication the said new edition of the Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations in force in the Colony of British Columbia, or any part thereof, at the time of the compilation thereof,—to omit all such Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, and parts of Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations which have expired, been repealed, or had their effect, and all Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations repealing any or any parts of any Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, as well as the Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, and parts of Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations repealed, and the Schedules of all such repealed or repealing Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations.

Commissioners may procure estimates of expenses for printing 500 copies of Laws, and submit same for approval of Governor.

III. The Commissioners may procure from competent parties, if it is considered advisable by the Governor, estimates of the expenses of printing and publishing Five Hundred Copies of the new edition of the Laws, and shall submit the same for the consideration and approval of the Governor; and the said new edition of the Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations of British Columbia, when arranged and prepared for publication, shall be transmitted by the said Commissioners to such parties as may be appointed by the Governor to print the same; and the said Commissioners shall make such arrangements for correcting the proof, and

and any misprints, and clerical errors in the said Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, and otherwise insuring the correctness and accuracy of the publication, as to them may appear desirable.

One copy of same to be sealed with Great Seal, and deposited in Supreme Court, such copy to be the original.

IV. One printed copy of the said corrected edition of the Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations shall be sealed with the Great Seal of the said Colony, and attested by the signatures of the said Commissioners, and deposited in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, and shall be deemed and held to be the original of such corrected edition of the Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations of British Columbia; and every copy of the said edition of the said Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, purporting to be printed under the authority of the said Commissioners, after the said original shall be so deposited as aforesaid, shall be received as evidence of such Laws, Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations in all Courts and places whatsoever in Judicature and thereout, without further proof of any kind whatsoever.

Copies to be evidence

Copies to be delivered to Members of the Legislature, Magistrates, &c.

V. The said Commissioners shall, upon the publication in British Columbia of Five Hundred Copies of the said Edition of the said Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, and as soon as such original shall have been so sealed, attested, and deposited as aforesaid, cause copies of such revised edition of the said Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations to be delivered to the Members of the Legislature, Magistrates, and to such of the Public Functionaries or persons as the Governor may direct, and the remainder of such copies shall be placed in the hands of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, or some other person, to be disposed of at such price as shall be fixed by the Commissioners, and the proceeds thereof paid into the Public Treasury, and accounted for as part of the Public Revenue.

Remuneration to Commissioners, Clerk, &c.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue his Warrant to the proper Officer of the Treasury for any sum or sums that he may think fit, as a remuneration for the said Commissioners, and for the Clerk employed by the said Commissioners, and also for such further charges and expenses as shall have been necessarily incurred, laid out, and expended (in conformity with the provisions of this Act) in the printing of the said revised edition of the said Acts, Ordinances, and Proclamations, or incident thereto.

Deposit of original to be notified in *Government Gazette.*

VII. Immediately upon such original being so deposited in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court as aforesaid, the Commissioners shall issue a public notification thereof in the *Government Gazette.*

Commission to be printed with Statutes.

VIII. Any Commission or Commissions which shall be issued under this Act, shall be printed with the said Statutes of British Columbia.

Interpretation clause

IX. The word "Governor" shall be construed to mean the Officer for the time being administering the Government of British Columbia.

Short Title.

X. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Revised Statutes Act, 1871."

Passed the Legislative Council the 24th day of March, A. D. 1871.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,
Speaker.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 28th day of March, 1871.

A. MUSGRAVE,
Governor.

VICTORIA, B. C.:
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