

CAP. XVI.

An Act to make further provision for the government of the North
West Territories.

[Assented to 14th April, 1871.]

Preamble.

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WHEREAS, the Act passed in the Session held in the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter Three, entitled, "An Act for the temporary government " of Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory when united "with Canada," as re-enacted, amended, extended and continued in force, with respect to such portion of the said Land and Territory as is not included in the Province of Manitoba by the Act passed in the thirty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter 3, entitled "An Act to amend and continue the Act 32 and 33 Victoria, Chapter "3, and to establish and provide for the government of the Province "of Manitoba," will expire at the end of the present Session of Parliament; And whereas, it is expedient to make provision for the government, after the expiration of the Act first above mentioned, of the North West Territories, that being the name given by the thirty-fifth section of the Act secondly above mentioned to such portion of Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory as is not included in the Province of Manitoba ; Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows : —

Appointment and functions of Lieutenant Governor.

Governor in Council may make laws.

Proviso.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor, by any Order or Orders to be by him from time to time made, with the advice of the Privy Council, (and subject to such conditions and restrictions as to him shall seem meet) to authorize and empower such officer as he may from time to time appoint as the Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories, to make provision for the administration of Justice therein, and generally to make, ordain, and establish all such Laws, Institutions and Ordinances as may be necessary for the Peace, Order, and good Government of Her Majesty's subjects, and others therein; provided that all such Orders in Council; and all Laws and Ordinances, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as conveniently may be after the making and enactment thereof respectively.

Instructions to Lieutenant Governor.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor shall administer the Government under instructions from time to time given him by Order in Council.

Appointment of Council to Lieutenant Governor.

3. The Governor may, with the advice of the Privy Council, constitute and appoint, by Warrant under his Sign Manual, a Council of not exceeding fifteen nor less than seven persons, to aid the Lieutenant-Governor in the administration of affairs, with such powers as may be from time to time conferred upon them by Order in Council.

Existing laws continued : subject to B. N. A. Act, 1867.

4. All the Laws in force in the North West Territories at the time of the passing of this Act shall, so far as they are consistent with "The British North America Act, 1867," — with the terms and conditions of the admission of Rupert's Land and the North Western Territories into the Union, approved of by the Queen under the 146th section thereof, — and with the said above cited Acts and this Act, — remain in force therein, until altered by the Parliament of Canada, or by the Lieutenant-Governor under the authority of this Act.

Public officers to retain office until otherwise ordered.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor and all Public Officers and Functionaries holding office in the North West Territories at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue to be Public Officers and Functionaries of the North-West Territories with the same duties and powers as before, until otherwise ordered under the authority of this Act.