

three or more of the public places of the neighbourhood where the work is to be done, which notices shall specify and describe the work to be performed, and also the place, day and hour when and where the same will be let by auction as aforesaid; and it shall further be the duty of such Commissioners respectively, to attend personally at the time and place so appointed, and there to let out to the lowest bidder such allotment or allotments, and at the same time to enter into written contracts for the faithful performance of the work in the time and manner set forth in such contracts; and in cases where the work required to be performed cannot be conveniently let at auction, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to agree with fit and proper persons to perform the same by day's labour, provided that in no case shall more than one quarter part of any grant be so expended; provided nevertheless, that when it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that there is a scarcity of seed for planting and sowing in any Parish, that the Governor and Council may afford relief, by authorizing the Commissioners of Bye Roads appointed in such Parish to expend a portion of the Bye Road money in the purchase and distribution of seed for planting and sowing, such Commissioners taking an agreement from the person assisted to perform work on the Bye Roads under direction of the Commissioners to the value of such seed, and on refusal to perform the work, such person may be sued for the amount by the Commissioner before any Justice of the Peace, in the ordinary way of collecting debts; and the said Commissioners shall severally keep an exact account of such moneys, and shall produce receipts in writing of the several and respective persons to whom any part of the said money shall be paid, as vouchers for such payment, and render an account thereof in duplicate, upon oath, which oath any one of the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties is hereby authorized to administer; one copy of which, with vouchers, to be transmitted to the Secretary's Office on or before the first day of December next, to be laid before the General Assembly at the next Session, and the other copy to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace in their respective Counties for public information.

3. The Commissioners appointed by the Municipalities of York, Carleton, and Sunbury, when any of the aforementioned sums of money appropriated for Roads and Bridges is issued to such Municipality, shall account to the Municipality appointing them for the same, and the Municipality shall account therefor in the same manner as the Commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council; but the Municipality shall take Bonds, in the name of the Queen, from each of the Commissioners so appointed by them, which may be enforced in the same manner as other Crown debts.

4. The beforementioned sums of money shall be paid by warrant or cheque out of public moneys now or hereafter in the Receiver General's hands.

5. The said Commissioners entrusted with the expenditure of the several and respective sums of money shall, for their time and labour, be allowed to retain at and after the rate of five per centum out of the said moneys so entrusted to them respectively.

6. The said Commissioners for the expenditure of money on Roads and Bridges, shall expend the said several and respective sums of money on the Roads on or before the first day of September; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Commissioner from expending moneys after the first day of September, when it shall be necessary to expend the same for building bridges, removing rocks, stumps, trees, or other obstructions.

7. None of the beforementioned sums of money, or any part thereof, shall be laid out or expended on the making or improving any alteration that may be made in any of the said Roads, unless such alterations shall have been first laid out and recorded.

8. Every person who may be appointed a Commissioner for the expenditure of money hereinbefore granted, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall enter into a bond to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, for the due performance of his duties as such Commissioner, and the faithful expenditure of and due accounting for such moneys as shall come into his hands as such Commissioner.

9. Notwithstanding the provisions of any Law in force for the election of Commissioners of Bye Roads, or otherwise, no person shall be appointed to expend any of the aforesaid moneys who shall be a defaulter, or who shall not have fully accounted for the expenditure of any money previously entrusted to him, until he shall have satisfactorily accounted therefor; and in case of the election of any such person, the Governor in Council shall appoint Commissioners in the same manner as if no election had taken place.

10. In case of a vacancy by death of any Commissioner elected to expend money on the Bye Roads, the Governor in Council shall appoint a Commissioner to fill such vacancy.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act relating to Coal Mines.

Passed 7th April 1870.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

That from and after the passing of this Act all veins or deposits of Coal on granted Lands, known as surface veins, and not exceeding two feet in thickness, may be mined and worked, and the said Coal removed, shipped and disposed of, without the payment of any Royalty whatever, any Law to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

CAP. XIX.

An Act relating to the use of Parchment for Public Grants.

Passed 7th April 1870.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,—

That Grants of Land hereafter issued under the Great Seal of the Province, may be written on Paper instead of Parchment as heretofore accustomed.