CHAP. 81.

An Act to amend the Acts of the thirty-seventh year of King George the Third, chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, and the thirty-ninth and fortieth years of King George the Third, chapter fourteen.

[9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS in pursuance of two Acts passed, the one in the thirty-seventh year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, intituled "An Act to shorten the time now required for giving notice of the Royal intention of "His Majesty, his heirs and successors, that the Parliament shall meet and be holden for "the despatch of business, and more effectually to provide for the meeting of Parliament "in the case of a demise of the Crown," and the other in the session held in the thirty-ninth and fortieth years of the reign of King George the Third, chapter fourteen, intituled "An Act for empowering His Majesty to shorten the time for the meeting of "Parliament in cases of adjournment," Parliament may be summoned by Royal Proclamation to meet on any day not less than fourteen days from the day of the date of such proclamation, notwithstanding that Parliament was prorogued or both Houses of Parliament stood adjourned to some later day, and it is expedient to shorten the said period of fourteen days: 37 G. 3. c. 127. 39 & 40 G. 3. c. 14.

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Meeting of Parliament Act, 1870." Short title.

2. Parliament may be summoned by a Royal Proclamation in manner provided by the recited Acts, to meet on any day not less than six days from the day of the date of such proclamation, and the recited Acts, so far as they relate to such summoning of Parliament, shall be construed as if six days were therein substituted for fourteen days. Summoning of Parliament.

CHAP. 82.

An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to guarantee the payment of a loan to be raised by the Government of Canada for the construction of fortifications in that country. [9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of Canada of the year 1868, chapter forty-one, the Governor in Council was authorised to raise by way of loan upon the guarantee of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as "the Treasury"), for the purpose of the construction of the fortifications therein mentioned, sums not exceeding one million one hundred thousand pounds, and the sums so raised, with the interest thereon, and such sums as might be necessary to repay the said loan, either by way of a sinking fund, not exceeding one per cent., or in such other way and subject to such conditions as the Governor in Council, with the assent of the Treasury, might determine, were charged on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada next after the appropriation for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway:

And whereas it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to give such guarantee:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Canada Defences Loan Act, 1870." Short title.

Power to Treasury to guarantee loan.

2. The Treasury may guarantee, in such manner and form as they think fit, the payment of the principal of any loan raised by the Government of Canada in pursuance of the said Act, and of interest thereon at a rate not exceeding four per cent.

Conditions of guarantee.

3. The Treasury shall not give any guarantee under this Act unless and until provision is made to the satisfaction of the Treasury—

(1.) For the due payment, custody, and application of the money raised by the loan, in such manner as the Treasury from time to time direct:

(2.) For remitting to the Treasury the annual sums for the sinking fund by equal half-yearly payments, in such manner as the Treasury from time to time direct, and for the investment and accumulation thereof, under their direction, in the names of four trustees nominated from time to time, two by the Treasury and two by the Government of Canada.

Application of sinking fund.

4. The said sinking fund may be invested only in such securities as the Government of Canada and the Treasury from time to time agree upon, and shall, whether invested or not, be applied from time to time, under the direction of the Treasury, in discharging the principal of the said loan; and the interest arising from such securities (including the interest accruing in respect of any part of the loan discharged by means of the sinking fund), and the resulting income thereof, shall be invested and applied as part of such sinking fund.

Alteration of Act relating to guaranteed loan.

5. Every Act passed by the Parliament of Canada which in any way impairs the priority of the charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada created by that Parliament of the said loan and the interest and sinking fund thereof, and the sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, and the interest thereon, shall, so far only as it impairs such priority, be void, unless such Act has been reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

Issue out of Consolidated Fund.

6. The Treasury are hereby authorised to cause to be issued from time to time out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom such sums of money as may at any time be required to be paid to fulfil the guarantee under this Act in respect either of principal or interest.

Certificate of amount paid out of Consolidated Fund.

7. The Treasury may from time to time certify to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the amount which has been paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom to fulfil the guarantee under this Act, and the date of such payment; such certificate shall be communicated to the Governor of Canada, and shall be conclusive evidence of the amount having been so paid and of the time when the same was so paid.

Accounts to be laid before Parliament.

8. The Treasury shall cause to be prepared, and laid before both Houses of Parliament, a statement of any guarantee given under this Act, and an account of all sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom for the purposes of this Act within one month after the same are so given or issued, if Parliament be then sitting, or, if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days after the then next meeting of Parliament.

CHAP. 83.

An Act to make better provision for the Police Force in the City of Londonderry, and to amend the Acts relating to the Royal Irish Constabulary Force. [9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland did, on the eleventh day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, issue his warrant to certain commissioners directing them to hold a court of inquiry at Londonderry, and to report upon the existing