CHAPTER 52.

An Act to provide for the completion of the distribution of the sums of money paid to Her Majesty by the United States of America on account of Awards made by the Commissioners acting under a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America. [2d August 1875.]

WHEREAS a treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America was signed at Washington on the eighth day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and was duly ratified on the seventeenth day of June of that year:

And whereas it was provided by that treaty (in this Act referred to as the Washington Treaty of 1871), among other things, that certain claims therein mentioned on the part of British subjects upon the Government of the United States should be referred to three Commissioners to be appointed as therein mentioned, and that all sums which might be awarded by those Commissioners on account of any such claim should be paid by the Government of the United States to Her Majesty's Government as therein mentioned:

And whereas the Commissioners were appointed and met and proceeded in manner provided by the treaty, and awarded certain sums of money on account of divers claims made by British subjects in pursuance of the treaty, and those sums have been paid by the Government of the United States to Her Majesty's Government:

And whereas the larger portion of the sums so paid has been distributed among the persons entitled thereto:

And whereas the sums awarded in respect of certain claims and more particularly specified in the schedule to this Act, have not been distributed by reason of disputes having arisen respecting the persons to whom such sums should be distributed; and such sums are now in the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as the Treasury):

And whereas it is expedient to make the provision herein-after appearing for the distribution of the said sums and for the release of the Treasury from all responsibility in respect thereof:

Be it therefore 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; that is to say,

Power to Treasury to pay balance of claims under Washington Treaty into Court of Chancery.

1. The Treasury may cause the sums mentioned in the last column of the schedule to this Act and all other sums which after the passing of this Act may be in or come to their hands on account of any award made by the Commissioners acting under the Washington Treaty of 1871 to be paid into the High Court of Chancery of England in like manner as if they were trustees of such sums for persons entitled thereto, and the Court of Chancery may make such orders for the distribution of those sums to or among those persons as may to the court seem just, and the provisions of the Act of the session of the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ninety-six, intituled "An Act "for better securing trust funds, and the relief of trustees," shall, so far as applicable, apply to all sums paid into the Court of Chancery in pursuance of this section as if they were moneys belonging to a trust within the meaning of that Act.

The affidavit to be filed on the payment of the said sums into Court may be made on behalf of the Treasury by a secretary of or the solicitor to the Treasury, or such other person as the Treasury may appoint.

Discharge of Treasury.

2. The Treasury upon payment of the said sums into the Court of Chancery in pursuance of this Act shall be freed from all liability whatsoever in respect of such sums, or of any award made by the Commissioners acting under the Washington Treaty of 1871 on account of which any of such sums was paid.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Washington Treaty (Claims) Act, 1875.

SCHEDULE.

SUMS UNDISTRIBUTED.

No. of Claim.	Name.	Original Award.	Amount payable after 5 per cent. deduction as per Treaty.	Equivalent in sterling remitted to the Treasury.
		dollars.		£ s. d.
81	P. Eagin, administrator - -	2,334	2,217·30	458 2 5.
213	L. Phillips - - -	750	*118·75	24 10 9
291	A. Grayson, administratrix -	1,637	1,555·15	321 6 3
297	H. Baer, administrator - -	1,854	1,761·30	363 18 1
328	W. G. Ford, administrator -	29,638	28,156·10	5,817 7 6
398	Miller and Mossman - -	24,300	23,085·	4,740 4 11
399	E. McLeod, assignee, &c. -	1,069	1,015·55	208 10 8

* This amount is the fee retained for J. C. Bennet, attorney. The rest of the award has been paid.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to give effect to an Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada respecting Copyright. [2d August 1875.]

WHEREAS by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 7th day of July 1868, it was ordered that all prohibitions contained in Acts of the Imperial Parliament against the importing into the Province of Canada, or against the selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing therein foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, should be suspended so far as regarded Canada:

And whereas the Senate and House of Commons of Canada did, in the second session of the third Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, held in the thirty-eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, pass a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Copyrights," which Bill has been reserved by the Governor-General for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

And whereas by the said reserved Bill provision is made, subject to such conditions as in the said Bill are mentioned, for securing in Canada the rights of authors in respect of matters of copyright, and for prohibiting the importation into Canada of any work for which copyright under the said reserved Bill has been secured; and whereas doubts have arisen whether the said reserved Bill may not be repugnant to the said Order in Council, and it is expedient to remove such doubts and to confirm the said Bill:

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:

Short title of Act.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as The Canada Copyright Act, 1875.

Definition of terms.

2. In the construction of this Act the words "book" and "copyright" shall have respectively the same meaning as in the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter forty-five, intituled "An Act to amend the Law of Copyright."

Her Majesty may assent to the Bill in schedule.

3. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to assent to the said reserved Bill, as contained in the schedule to this Act annexed, and if Her Majesty shall be pleased to signify Her assent thereto, the said Bill shall come into operation at such time and in such manner as Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct; anything in the Act of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-three, or in any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.