

LAWS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.



An Act to provide for the appointment of a Board for the general supervision of the Public Works and Highways in this Island.

[Passed April 19, 1869.]

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Government, Council and Assembly, as follows:—

I. The Colonial Secretary of this Island and the Commissioner of Public Lands, for the time being, and three other persons to be appointed by the present or other Administrator of the Government, for the time being, in Council, shall, under the name of "The Board of Works," constitute a Board for the superintendence and management of the Colonial Building, Government House, Light Houses, Jails, Buoys and Beacons, Public Highways, Bridges, Wharves and Breakwaters, and of all other Buildings, Erections and property now belonging to, or which shall or may hereafter belong to the Government of this Island.

II. The Road Correspondent, for the time being, shall be the Secretary or Clerk to the said Board, and shall receive such salary in addition to his present salary allowance, as the Board shall assign to him, not exceeding twenty-five pounds per annum.

III. The repairs, erection, performance and completion of all Public Buildings or Works, and the purchase of Oil, and all other necessary supplies or materials for Lighthouses, Jails, or other public purposes, shall, in all cases, be offered for public competition after having been first duly advertized, and be done wherever practicable, by public letting, tender or contract, under the supervision of the Board of Works.

IV. The Board of Works shall meet in Charlottetown, on the first Tuesday in every month, and oftener, when necessary, for the transaction of the business of the department; and three members shall constitute a quorum.

V. Each member of the Board shall receive Twenty pounds yearly for his services, and six-pence for every mile travelled to attend meetings of the Board, or necessarily travelled in the performance of his duties by travelling. The latter charge to be submitted and approved of by the Administrator of the Government in

Council. The salary of each member to be subject to a deduction of one pound thirteen shillings and four-pence, for every time he shall be absent from any monthly sitting of the Board, without sufficient excuse.

VI. The Lieutenant Governor, or other Administrator of the Government, for the time being, in Council, may appoint a general Superintendent or Surveyor of Public Works, Roads, Bridges and Wharves, in each County in this Island; and the Superintendent for Queen's County, shall receive a salary of one hundred and fifty pounds per annum, and each Superintendent for King's and Prince Counties, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds each, per annum, including travelling expenses, which said salaries shall be paid by warrant on the public Treasury, drawn quarterly, in the usual manner.

VII. The said three Superintendents shall be under the order and direction of the Board of Works; and shall each furnish at least once in every quarter of the year, at such times or oftener, as the said Board shall require for their information, a report of the condition of the Public Works and buildings within their respective counties, and offer suggestions for the improvement of such works and buildings, which report shall be annually laid before each branch of the Legislature, within ten days after the commencement of the session.

VIII. The Commissioners, Overseers, and other officers of Highways, appointed or to be appointed under the several Statutes of this Island, now or hereafter to be in force, in relation to Highways, shall have the same powers, duties and emoluments as heretofore, within their respective districts or precincts; nevertheless, they shall be under the general supervision of the Board of Works, and obey all orders and instructions which they may receive from said Board, relating to their respective duties; and such Commissioners shall report annually, on the thirty-first day of January in each year, to the Board of Works, as to the state and condition of the Roads, Bridges and Wharves, within their respective districts.

IX. The Board of Works shall have power at any time, if they deem it advisable, to take under their exclusive charge and management, any particular part, piece or pieces of any public Highways, or any particular Wharf, Bridge or Public Work, in the said Island, and the ex-