



## CHAP. 41.

An Act for the relief of the Settlers and Owners of Land  
upon Matsqui Prairie.

[28th April, 1888.]

**W**HEREAS the lands within the line of dykes in Townships 13 and 14, the northern half of Township 16, and in Townships 17 and 20, in New Westminster District, have not been well and effectually dyked within the meaning of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," or the "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883:" Preamble.

And whereas a petition has been presented on behalf of the settlers and owners of land upon the Matsqui Prairie, praying to be relieved from the provisions of the said Acts:

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. Sections 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 31 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," are hereby repealed Repeals certain sections of Act of 1878.

2. The "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883," is hereby repealed. Act of 1883 repealed.

3. And whereas on or about the 26th day of November, 1883, Dennis Reginald Harris was appointed by order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to be an arbitrator under the said "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883," to represent the owners of the lands situate in Matsqui Prairie:

Be it further enacted that the power and authority of the said Dennis Reginald Harris as such arbitrator, and of every other arbitrator or umpire appointed under the said "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883," shall forthwith cease and determine. Powers of arbitrators appointed under Act of 1883 to cease.

4. Subject to the provisions herein contained, section 1 of this Act shall not come into operation provided the lands within the lines of dykes in townships 13 and 14, the northern half of township 16, and in townships 17 and 20, in New Westminster District, subject to over-flow, be well and effectually dyked, as provided by section 12 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," as the same originally existed before the Section 1 of this Act not to come into operation provided certain lands are effectually dyked during 1888.

passage of the "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883," by the end of the year 1888, and are proved to be well and effectually dyked to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and notice to that effect published in the British Columbia Gazette.

If said lands be so dyked, parts of Act of 1878 repealed by Act of 1883 to revive.

When instalments to become due.

5. In case the said lands shall be so dyked, then the several parts of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," which were repealed by the "Sumas Dyking Amendment Act, 1883," shall be deemed to be revived and re-enacted, but so that none of the instalments mentioned in section 12 of the "Sumas Dyking Act, 1878," shall be payable before the times following, that is to say: One-half in four years, and the other half in nine years, dating from the 1st January, 1888, bearing interest in the meantime as provided in the said section: Provided, always, that no interest shall be deemed to have accrued up to the 1st July, 1888; and provided, further, that neither principal nor interest shall be recoverable unless the lands subject to overflow shall be well and effectually dyked and protected from overflow within the meaning of section 12 of the "Sumas Dying Act, 1878," aforesaid.