CHAPTER 49.

An Act respecting Strathcona Park.

[1st March, 1911.]

His MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Strathcona Park Act."

Park Limits.

2. The tract of land comprised within the limits hereinafter set forth—that is to say: Commencing at the summit of Crown Mountain, on Vancouver Island; thence due south to a point due west of a point on the western boundary of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt one hundred miles distant from Muir Creek; thence due east to the said western boundary of the Railway Belt; thence north-westerly following the western boundary of the Railway Belt to the summit of Crown Mountain, being the point of commencement—is hereby withdrawn from sale, settlement, and occupancy under the provisions of the "Land Act" or any other Act with respect to mining or any other matter.

3. The said tract of land is hereby reserved and set apart as a public park and pleasure-ground for the benefit, advantage, and enjoyment of the people of British Columbia, subject to the provisions of this Act and of the regulations hereinafter mentioned, and shall be known as "Strathcona Park."

Regulations and Control.

4. The park shall be under the control and management of the Minister of Lands, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations for...
(a.) The care, preservation, and management of the park and of its springs, water-courses, lakes, trees, and shrubbery, minerals, natural curiosities, and the like matters:

(b.) The lease for any term of years of such parcels of land in the park as he deems advisable in the public interest for the construction of buildings for ordinary habitation and for the accommodation of persons resorting to the park:

(c.) The preservation and protection of game and fish and of wild birds generally:

(d.) The removal and exclusion of trespassers:

(e.) Generally, all purposes necessary to carry this Act into effect according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

5. (1.) Every regulation made as aforesaid shall be published for four consecutive weeks in the British Columbia Gazette and in any other manner provided thereby by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

(2.) Every such regulation, after publication as aforesaid, shall have the like force and effect as if herein enacted.

(3.) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by the said regulations, impose penalties for the violation thereof, not exceeding in any case the sum of three hundred dollars, with costs, or, in default of payment, imprisonment for not more than three months.

General.

6. Except as in this Act provided, no person shall locate, settle upon, use, or occupy any portion of the park: Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to deprive any person of any vested rights or interests which he may have acquired within the limits of the park prior to the passing of this Act.

7. The Minister of Lands may, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, acquire all or any of such vested rights or interests as in the next preceding section mentioned, paying therefor such sum as may be agreed upon, and, in the event of disagreement, such sum as may be appraised and awarded on arbitration; and for the purposes of this section the provisions of the “Public Works Act” with respect to the acquisition of lands for public works shall, mutatis mutandis, apply.