

Cap. 84—Confirms the amalgamation of the Commercial with the Merchants Bank, under the name of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, and the agreement entered into between the two Boards. The capital is \$6,000,000, in shares of \$100 each. A new charter is granted with the usual powers, to remain in force until 1870. Real estate limited to \$40,000 annual value.

Cap. 85—Incorporates the Bank of Agriculture, to be established in the City of Hamilton, with a capital of \$400,000. Real estate limited to \$10,000 yearly value. To go into operation when \$250,000 is subscribed, and \$100,000 paid up. Circulation is never to go beyond the amount of paid up capital stock and gold, and Government securities held, and the notes under \$5 not to exceed one-fifth of such stock. One-tenth part to be always invested in Canadian Government securities.

Cap. 86—Declares the Northern Railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada. The Co. is authorized to issue 6 per cent., third preferential, irredeemable bonds, to the amount of £150,000 stg., in two classes, A of £50,000 and B of £100,000, to constitute a lien next after the second preference bonds already issued. Class A is to be issued and the money expended on rolling stock, elevators, and other equipments. A list of subscribers to these bonds, to the amount of £25,000, is to be placed in the hands of the Financial Agents of the Dominion in London, to be approved by them on or before 1st Jan., 1869, and if that amount be not subscribed by that day, the Act, so far as giving power to issue 3rd preference bonds, is null. £50,000 of class B are to be paid over to the R. G., in satisfaction of arrears of interest due by the Co. The remaining £50,000 to be exchanged as far as practicable for the interest bonds now out, which are to be called in. Class B shall not rank for interest till the amount raised on class A has been expended to the satisfaction of the G. in C. The new bondholders to have similar rights as to voting, &c., as the holders of the 1st and 2nd preference. The earnings of the railway hereafter to be distributed as follows:—1. For working expenses; 2. For interest on 1st pref. bonds; 3. Interest on 2nd pref. bonds; 4. On class A 3rd pref. bonds; 5. On class B of do. do.; 6. Interest on Government lien for £475,000 stg.; 7. Arrears of interest to Dominion; 8. Interest on interest debentures not taken up, continuing to rank as before; 9. Dividends on share capital.

Cap. 87—Extends the time for the commencement of operations by the North West Navigation and Railway Co. so far as relates to the navigation of Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie, Ontario, and the River St. Lawrence, until June, 1870.

Cap. 88—Incorporates certain merchants and others of Montreal as "The Canada Shipping Co" empowering them to carry on a general shipping and shipping agency Co. Capital stock \$500,000; to hold real estate up to \$10,000 of yearly value. \$200,000 to be subscribed before commencing operations.

Cap. 89—Confirms a By-law of the Lake Memphremagog Navigation Co., and authorizes the increase of the capital by \$80,000, of which \$40,000, and any other portion of the stock unsubscribed for, may be made preferential, the holders of it being entitled to an 8 p. c. dividend before the remaining shareholders receive any. The directors may also redeem or pay off such stock at any time.

Cap. 90—Incorporates "The Canadian Lake Underwriters Association," for the purpose of adopting a uniform classification and inspection of vessels on the inland waters above Montreal, and a system of investigation into the character of masters and officers of vessels, and causes of marine losses and disasters. The Provincial Insurance Co., the B. A. Assurance Co., the Western Assurance Co., and such other Insurance Co's as may join them, are incorporated for the purpose of collecting and disseminating information upon subjects of marine and commercial interest, of encouraging and advancing worthy and well-qualified commanders and officers, &c., &c., and of promoting the security of life and property." Among other powers, they may grant certificates to masters and officers. The Board of Managers may appoint inspectors to report upon the nature and causes of accidents; whether the provisions of the Navigation law have been complied with and whether vessels are in good condition. The association may hold real estate to the value of \$5,000 per annum.

Cap. 91—Incorporates "The Merchants' Express Co. of the Dominion of Canada." Capital stock \$200,000, with power to increase to \$1,000,000. May hold real estate of the yearly value of \$3,000. Ten per cent. of stock to be paid up before commencing operations.

Cap. 92—Extends the time mentioned in the 2nd section of the charter of the Canada Vine Growers Association for 2 years. It gives the power to the company to sell out all its property, and powers to one or more individuals, who shall not be liable for the debts or calls on shares of the Co. or former shareholders. He or they may re-issue the shares or stock, with the same immunity to the purchasers. Former shareholders are still liable to the creditors for unpaid calls. The proceeds of sale, after payment of debts, are to be divided among the shareholders.

Cap. 93—Extends the powers of the Canada West Farmers' Mutual and Stock Insurance Co. to the whole Dominion, and changes its name to the "Canada Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co." It is authorized to take risks as high as \$1,000 and to re-insure in other Co's.

The following Acts were reserved for Her Majesty's assent, viz:—"An Act respecting the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, for the apprehension and surrender of certain offenders;" An Act to fix the salary of the Governor General"; and "an Act for the relief of Joseph F. Whiteaves."

The first of these has received the Royal Assent, which was proclaimed on the 8th August last. It is, therefore, now in force.

EXTRADITION OF OFFENDERS TO UNITED STATES.

Cap. 94—Provides that, upon complaint duly made, that a person found in Canada has committed in the United States any of the crimes enumerated in the treaty with that country, to wit, murder or assault with intent to commit murder, or piracy, or arson, or robbery, or forgery or the utterance of forged paper, any judge, police magistrate, stipendiary magistrate, inspector or superintendent of police empowered to act as a J. P., or any commissioner appointed for the purpose may issue his warrant for the apprehension of accused, to cause him to be brought before him; may examine witnesses as to the truth of the charge, and upon such evidence as, according to the laws of the Province in which he has been apprehended, would justify his committal for trial, had the crime been therein committed commit him to gaol to remain until surrendered under the treaty or discharged according to law. The judge, magistrate or commissioner committing him thereupon transmits a copy of all the testimony to the Governor. Duly attested copies of depositions on which a warrant has issued in the United States may be received as evidence. At any time not less than seven days after the commitment, the Governor, upon requisition made by the United States, may by warrant order the extra-