

GAME PROTECTION.

Cap. 12—Provides for the protection of Game. Deer, &c., cannot be hunted or killed between 1st December and 1st September; wild turkey, grouse, partridge, pheasant and hares, from 1st January to 1st September; quail, 1st January to 1st October; woodcock or snipe, 1st March to 1st September; wild swan, goose or duck, the same. Deer, moose, wild turkey, grouse, pheasant, partridge, quail, woodcock, snipe, hare or duck may not be trapped or snared—the birds may only be killed by shooting. Batteries or sunken punts may not be used for the hunting or killing of wild swan, geese or ducks. No person may have such animals, or their hides, or such birds in their possession during the close season without lawful excuse, nor sell them later than 14 days after. No game bird's eggs are to be taken or destroyed. For contravention of this Act the offender incurs a penalty of from \$2 to \$25 for each head of game, recoverable before any J. P., half to go to municipality and half to informer. The game is confiscated. Any person may destroy traps, snares, &c. No beaver, musk-rat, mink, sable, otter or fisher, shall be trapped, hunted or killed between the 1st May and 15th November. No person shall hunt or shoot imported game without the consent of the owner of the land on which it is preserved for breeding, &c.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

Cap. 13—Amends the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway charter. It renders valid and binding By-laws of Municipalities passed to aid the work, although the Reeves, etc., have not signed the Stock Book, and renders valid the agreements between the Directors and Municipalities. Other Municipalities are authorized to pass similar By-laws; but they can claim no interest as shareholders in the Co., and are subject to no liability. The Municipalities may alter and amend the conditions of such By-laws. Variations of the line to connect it with other parts may be authorized by the By-laws of any such Municipality. The Company is authorized to issue bonds having a preferential claim without registration, to an amount equal to that of the capital stock subscribed and on which 10 p. c. has been paid, and of the bonus granted by the Municipalities, but the amount raised on such bonds shall never exceed that paid up upon the Municipal debentures and share capital.

Cap. 14—Incorporates the Erie & Niagara Extension Railway Co. to construct a railway from a point in the township of Bertie at or near the village of Fort Erie, passing through the town of St. Thomas, to some point in the County of Essex, in or near the town of Sandwich or the town of Windsor, with a branch to Amherstburg. Capital \$5,000,000. To be organized as soon as \$2,000,000 are subscribed, and 10 p. c. paid in. This must be done and the work commenced within 2 years; \$1,000,000 must be spent within 3 years or the charter is forfeited. The road to be complete within 5 years. The gauge to be 5 ft. 6 in. with power to add a third rail.

Cap. 15—Incorporates the Ontario College at Picton. The College may purchase and hold real estate to the yearly value of \$8,000 (this to be confined to college buildings, grounds, etc.) and accept donations or bequests to the yearly value of \$5,000 more, and hold for seven years. When sold proceeds to be invested in public securities.

Cap. 16—Vests certain lands in Port Hope, on which a church is in course of erection, in the Rector and Church Wardens of the church of St. John the Evangelist there, and authorizes them to raise a loan of not exceeding \$5,000 thereon, authorizing the rental of a certain number of pews to be set apart to pay the interest on such loan.

CONTINUING ACT.

Cap. 17—Continues the Acts 7 Vic. cap. 10, 9 Vic. Cap. 30, 12 Vic. Cap. 18, 13 and 14 Vic. Cap. 20, and extends the period in the last, continuing Acts of the Province of Canada to the end of the Session next after the 1st January 1869.

J. P. AND CORONERS.

Cap. 18—Authorizes the appointment by the L. G. in C. of one or more J. P. and Coroners in each city, town or county. Any new Commission of the Peace to supersede all old appointments.

GOLD AND SILVER MINES.

Cap. 19—Is an Act respecting Gold and Silver Mines. It gives power to the L. G. in C. to create Mining Divisions by Order in Council; and such Divisions are, after the publication of such Order, made subject to the provisions of the Act. He may also name Inspectors and other officers for each Division, such Inspectors to be under the control of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, to have the power of J. P. within such Division, "with power to settle summarily all disputes as to extent or boundary of claims, use of water, access thereto, damage by licenses to others, forfeiture of licenses, and generally to settle all difficulties, etc., which may arise under this Act, or offences against any of its provisions, or the regulations to be made under it." They may decide all disputed claims between masters and servants respecting wages, etc., and levy the amount of judgment. They may grant licenses for a fee of \$5 each, to be not transferable and good for one year, with privilege of renewal on a like payment. Under it a licensee may explore and mine on any unoccupied lands within the Division. He may take possession of a claim by planting stakes at the four corners thereof, of the following dimensions: for alluvial mines, if on a river or creek, 100 ft. front by 100 ft. depth from the water's edge; if in a gully, 100 ft. along it and from hill to hill: if on a surface or side hill digging, 100 ft. square. Where a Co. propose to hill-tunnel a larger claim may be granted; and for working the bed of a river the size of claims to be at the discretion of the Inspector. For quartz mining—150 ft. along the lead by 100 ft. on each side, measuring from the centre. Licensees joining together and forming Companies working a claim jointly may have 100 ft. additional for each miner after the first, up to 1000 ft. The Inspector's decision is final as to the nature of each claim. Abandonment for 2 weeks forfeits a claim and re-opens it to be again disposed of unless sickness or other reasonable cause has interrupted the work; also failure to comply with regulations. No person can occupy more than one claim at one time unless one be registered as temporarily unworkable, which should be done with the Inspector, and a picket with the number set up, as near as may be, in the middle. He must return within one fortnight after the claim is workable or forfeit it. If a person discover a new mine at least 3 miles distant on a known lead from a known mine, or 1 mile off the lead (or 2 miles if in alluvial workings), and report the same forthwith to the Inspector, he shall be entitled to 2 claims of the largest size allowed. If he do not so report he cannot mine on crown lands for 1 year. A party wall of at least 3 ft., to be used for access to streams when any are near, shall be left between any claims. Any one obstructing such access by throwing stones or dirt on such wall is liable to a fine of \$5 or 1 month's imprisonment in default. If the wall be removed the parties removing it shall provide as safe and convenient a mode of access to the water. A similar penalty to the above is inflicted on any one damaging or obstructing an adjoining claim. Removing a picket is punished by a fine of \$20 or imprisonment in default. Any owner of private lands may mine thereon for gold and silver, paying royalty. All