

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

SUPPLY BILL.

Cap. 1—Is the Supply Bill for eighteen months, ending 31st December, 1868. The sum of \$2,097,717 is voted for the public service during that period. All payments made out of it subject to adjustment with the government of Ontario and the Dominion.

STAMPS.

Cap. 2—The Act 29 and 30 Vic., c. 28 of the Province of Canada is amended. No certificate of registration of a deed, &c., or of a search will be received in evidence in any court, or be of any effect unless the proper stamp is affixed. The registrar shall keep a book, and enter day by day therein the searches he makes, and if a certificate is not given, and a stamp affixed to it, he must affix a stamp to his book. He must make a yearly return of all such searches and fees paid for them. The L. G. in C. may by notice in *Official Gazette* order any fees or duties to be payable by stamps. Such order may be amended or repealed. No instrument requiring a stamp shall be issued or availed of in any way until the stamps are affixed. Every officer under the Act issuing or receiving an instrument with such stamp must cancel it by writing or stamping thereon his name and the date. All officers under the Act are held to be Revenue officers under the Treasury Department. The Treasurer is to procure the necessary stamps, and the Assistant-treasurer to issue them on certified requisitions. Exact detailed accounts to be kept of them by the Assistant-treasurer and Auditor. Sections 6, 22 and 23 of the above-mentioned Act are repealed as far as Quebec is concerned.

DUTIES ON LICENSES.

Cap. 3—The following additional duties on licenses are imposed. Pawnbrokers, \$15; Auctioneers, \$5; Taverns or vessels, for sale of spirits and fermented liquors, \$5; do. do. for wines and fermented liquors only, \$2.50; Traders for sale of spirits, &c., \$3; Pedlars, 2; Billiard tables, \$12.50.

SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY.

Cap. 4—Enables the Speaker to call another member to his place when temporarily leaving the chair.

INDEMNITY TO MEMBERS. &c.

Cap. 5—Allows \$6 per diem indemnity to members of the legislature for 30 days. The session lasting longer, the allowance to be \$450 altogether. 10 cents per mile for travelling allowance. \$5 per diem reduction is made for wilful absence. Salary of Speaker of Assembly is fixed at \$2,400.

THE STATUTES.

Cap. 6—The enacting clause of statutes "as indicating the authority under which it is passed, is: 'Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts.'" An Act is promulgated when assented to by the Lieutenant Governor, or, if reserved, when the assent of the Governor General is proclaimed. The date of such assent in either case is endorsed on the Act by the Clerk of the Legislative Council, and forms part thereof. As soon as assent is given a copy of each Act is furnished to the Queen's printer, who prints the same. The remainder of the Act makes similar regulations for printing, binding and distributing the Acts to those enacted by Parliament and the Ontario Legislature.

Cap. 7—Consists of Clauses for the interpretation of the statutes.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Cap. 8—Repeals cap. 11 of the Con. Stat. of Canada, so far as Quebec is concerned. The civil service of the Province is to consist of 7 departments, viz:—1. The Executive Council. 2. The Secretary and Registrar. 3. The Law officers of the Crown. 4. The Treasury. 5. The Crown Lands. 6. Agriculture and Public Works. 7. Public Instruction. The following are deputy heads (not included in the term employees), five of whom are to be appointed a board of examiners and council of discipline for the civil service, and to be called the "Civil Service Board," viz: the Clerk of the Executive Council, the Assistant Secretary, the assistant of the law officers of the Crown, the Assistant Treasurer, the Auditor, the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the department of public instruction, the Deputy Registrar. When there is no Minister of Public Instruction but a Superintendent of Education, this department may or may not, in whole or in part, belong to the civil service, as may be ordered by the L. G. in C. The Board shall frame and publish regulations for candidates, to be approved by the L. G. in C., examine such candidates, keep a register of them, and of their examination, and grant certificates, causing copies of their minutes to be sent to the Clerk of the Executive Council. Candidates must send in applications for examination 8 days before that fixed. They are examined in order of applications, except that holders of diplomas of a University or Normal School have precedence. None but holders of certificates can be appointed to the civil service. The L. G. in C. may classify persons appointed according to certificates or otherwise, and make rules respecting promotions and salaries in each class. All employees in the civil service must be examined within 6 months after passing of Act. All deputy heads and employees to take oaths of allegiance and to discharge duties faithfully, taking no fee or reward other than salary or legal allowance. Any refusing to take or violating such oaths to be dismissed. The Board may make, subject to approval of L. G. in C., rules for discipline of service. The L. G. in C. is authorized to regulate security to be given by deputy heads and employees. Board under order in Council, or in case of emergency on reference of head of department may enquire into conduct of any employee, examine witnesses and report thereon; but this is not to limit power of Lt.-Gov. to dismiss. Employees in one department may be required to assist in another. The L. G. in C. may make allowances to Board for contingencies.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC REVENUE.

Cap. 9—Provides for a C. R. F. for the Province, to which all revenue "over which the legislature has power of appropriation" shall belong. To be subject to charges for collection and management which are subject to audit and legislative review, &c. Revenue officers are to be appointed, and their salary, &c., regulated by the L. G. in C. Unless express permission is given their salaries shall be in place of all emoluments, and those receiving salaries of more than \$1,000 shall engage in no other business. The L. G. in C. may divide the Province into revenue districts and