

of Quebec, consisting of the fief Lessard, two ranges of the township Lessard and the unconceded lands between them on the one side, and fief Vincelotte on the other, shall be a civil parish.

*Cap. 29*—Annexes a portion of the seignioriy of Belair to the parish of St. Ambrose and part to the parish of St. Catherine.—(See above—Statutes of Canada, cap. 78.)

*Cap. 30*—Divides the township of Percé into two municipalities, one to take the name of Cape Cove.

*Cap. 31*—Cures irregularities in the proceedings of Boards of Notaries, in failing to publish notices under secs. 5, 38 and 39, cap. 73 Con. Stat. L. C., and to meet at times prescribed by secs. 3 and 7.

*Cap. 32*—Provides for the appointment of fire marshals in Quebec and Montreal, with power to inquire into the cause or origin of all fires in either city; to have all the powers of a Recorder, Judge of Sessions or Coroner for such purposes, or for the arrest of persons causing a disturbance at a fire or suspected of stealing thereat. If the premises or contents are insured the insurance companies interested pay the costs of proceedings. If neither are insured, the city pays \$10 fee, besides costs.

*Cap. 33*—Amends the Acts incorporating and providing for the water supply of Quebec. Two-thirds of the Council must be present at passing a by-law. The drainage tax is to be imposed by being entered in a separate column of the assessment books. Power is given to the Mayor or other person representing him to summon persons to give evidence before the Council or any Committee thereof, and enforce their attendance in the same manner as a court of law. All butchers, bakers, hucksters, pedlars, carters and porters in the city, and boat, batteau or canoe men plying to and from the city may be compelled to take out licenses and numbers, and pay fees for them. The Council may establish a tariff for the canoe and boat men. It is authorized to impose a tax of \$5 on water closets; also to raise \$55,000 to widen St. Ours and Champlain streets. The time of prescription against taxes and water rates is made 5 years in place of 2. The drainage tax already imposed is declared legal, and art. 2 of by-law of 27th April, 1866, declared to mean that the tax thereby imposed is over and above the other taxes sanctioned by that by-law. When assessment roll is made up for any ward, notice is to be given in the newspapers and at the church doors, and objections to be filed within one month thereafter. Parties objecting thereupon are to receive notice in the same way, at what time complaints will be heard by the assessment board; its decision to be final. When an assessor requires to supply an omission, or rectify an error, the party affected shall have 15 days' notice to appear and state his objections to such alteration. *Certiorari* and appeal is taken away from decisions in civil suits in the Recorder's Court. No wooden houses are to be erected in Montcalm, St. John, Jacques Cartier, and St. Roch's Wards.

*Cap. 34*—Authorizes the Quebec Gas Co. to increase its capital stock by £20,000.

*Cap. 35*—Incorporates the Quebec Curling Club, with power to hold all property necessary for its actual use in Quebec or its vicinity. Liability of members limited to entrance fees and annual subscription.

*Cap. 36*—Enables the incumbent and church wardens of St. Matthew's Chapel, Quebec, to enlarge their chapel, and to take a sufficient space of the burial ground for that purpose.

*Cap. 37*—Amends the Acts incorporating Montreal. It provides for a consolidated fund of \$5,000,000, to be divided into stock or shares and debentures of \$100 each, to be divided into 3 classes, A, B and C. Class A, of \$3,000,000, to represent the water works debt, and to be secured upon the water works, &c.; Class B, of \$1,000,000, the property debt, to be secured upon the real estate, market houses, public squares, &c., of the city, and used to pay off the debt thereon; and Class C, to be used for the extinction of the city debt generally, and to be issued as terminable debentures. Classes A and B of stock to be perpetual and irredeemable; C redeemable in 25 years; all to bear interest at the rate of 7 p. c. per annum, payable on 1st May and 1st November. They may be negotiated in the Province or elsewhere, and the interest made payable in currency or sterling. The City Treasurer is to keep a register of the holders of stock, which shall be *prima facie* evidence of what is entered therein. He must invest each year out of the city revenues, before any appropriation is paid, \$20,000 as a sinking fund for the C debentures in Canadian or Provincial securities, or in such stock itself, and a certificate signed by himself and the Mayor must be submitted to the Council at its March meeting that he has done this. The auditor must also certify under oath whether this has been done or not. Failing in this duty, the Treasurer forfeits \$2,000. The Corporation must retain an amount of stock and debentures equal to the bonds and debentures out, issued under previous Acts and forming the debt of the city. It may redeem them with proceeds of new stock, &c., or exchange the latter for them. The sums on hand to form sinking funds for past debt to be used for redemption of so much debt, and hereafter discontinued. In proceedings to expropriate under secs. 11 and 12 of 29 and 30 Vic. c. 57, the commissioners shall first determine who are the parties interested, and give notice during 10 days in 2 English and 2 French papers, such parties to file oppositions within 3 days after last publication of notice. Certificates for tavern licenses are hereafter to be confirmed or rejected by a Board composed of the chairmen of standing committees, and not to go before the whole Council. They are to be applied for before the 15th March, and disposed of before the 15th April, and a list of applications granted are forthwith thereafter to be published. Hereafter proceedings in the Recorder's Court need not be enregistered at length, unless requested by the defendant, but simple enrolment shall be sufficient. In cases of drunkenness the depositions need not be taken in writing. A loan of \$250,000 is authorized to enable the Corporation to build a new City Hall, to be raised on 7 p. c. debentures, payable in 25 years, with special security upon the property. The same regulations as to sinking fund, registration, &c., apply as to consols. In the absence of a returning officer from a municipal election, the City Clerk may appoint a member of the Council to take his place. The provision of 27 and 28 Vic., cap. 60, sec. 27, as to paving streets with dressed stone, &c., is extended to any other kind of paving the Council may desire to use. When buildings are set back from the line of a street the corporation is only bound to carry the water pipes up to that line. A by-law may be passed prohibiting the keeping of pigs within the city, under a penalty of \$20 or imprisonment for 2 months.

*Cap. 38*—Incorporates the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal and merges the Church Society in it, transferring all the rights and property of the Society to it.

*Cap. 39*—Amends the Montreal City Passenger Railway Act. Obstructing traffic on the track is punishable by a penalty of \$20. Damaging, displacing or interfering with switches or rails, or injuring property of the company, \$50, besides damages. An employee infringing any by-law, resolution or regulation, may be fined \$40. Proceeding to be taken before a J. P. Penalty to go half to Crown and half to informer, unless he be an officer of the company, when all goes to Crown. Company may impose penalties not exceeding 30 days' pay on its employees, and stop them out of wages. Any person intoxicated or misbehaving in cars may be expelled. The company is entitled to one month's notice of any claim before being sued.