

years of age, a subject of Her Majesty by Birth, or naturalized under an Act of Great Britain or of one of the Provinces forming the Dominion. He must hold \$2,400 in real estate, and must be resident within the Province. His place becomes vacant by resignation, absence during two sessions without leave from the Lieut. Governor, taking the oath of allegiance to, or becoming a subject or citizen of a foreign State or Power, insolvency, or becoming a public defaulter, being attainted of treason, or convicted of felony or any infamous crime, and ceasing to reside or hold the property qualification. Questions of qualification of a Councillor to be heard and determined by the Council itself. The Council is to choose its own President, and, in case of his temporary absence, may choose a President *pro tempore*. Eight members necessary for a quorum, unless the Legislature otherwise determine. Before taking his seat, a member must take the oath of allegiance and make a declaration of qualification.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

Cap. 31—Amends the Act authorizing the Council of the city of Fredericton to contract a loan and grant money in aid of the Fredericton Branch Railway. Debentures may be issued bearing as high a rate of interest as 8 per cent. City Council may issue \$10,000 of the loan on the 1st April, 1868, taking security for the grading of five miles or repayment; and the balance of the \$40,000 on such security and at such times as they deem best. The debentures and interest coupons to be a first charge upon the revenues of the city.

Cap. 32—Grants the City Council power to allow the Railway Company to lay its track through and along certain streets, and take possession of and occupy certain property of the city. The wharf to be constructed by it at the foot of Westmoreland or near to the foot of Sunbury street only to be used for railway purposes, and no tolls or top wharfage to be charged for vessels lying and loading or unloading thereat. Also to grant power to lay a track from Salamanca crossing the Fredericton and St. John road at Eesle's bridge, thence along the St. John to Westmoreland street.

Cap. 33—Incorporates the Fredericton Hotel Company, with a capital of \$10,000 divided into 500 shares. Operations to be commenced when 100 shares are subscribed. Five directors to be chosen annually. Each share to have a vote and proxies allowed. Shares are forfeited for non-payment of calls, and to be sold by auction. Balance of proceeds, however, after paying cost of selling, calls due, and interest, to be refunded to the former shareholder. No recourse is given to creditors of the Company against the property of individual shareholders, even for arrears of calls or assessments.

Cap. 34—Continues the several Acts providing for the support of the police of St. John.

Cap. 35—Amends an Act empowering the J. P. for Kings County to sell school lands in Springfield. Repeals the 2nd section of 25 Vic., cap. 57. The L. G. in C. may appoint three arbitrators to decide upon claims against such J. P. for improvements on the land sold. The purchaser to pay such award as they make to the J. P., who shall hand it over to the party entitled to receive it.

Cap. 36—Amends the law respecting municipal assessments in St. John. Any person carrying on any business or having any office or place of business or any occupation, employment or profession, in St. John is, for the purposes of assessment, an inhabitant thereof. The principal place of business of a company or corporation in St. John constitutes it an inhabitant there. Foreign companies doing business there are to be assessed on the revenue derived from its business there, which the agent or manager must state under oath. If he fail to do so, the assessors may assess to the best of their judgment, and their decision is final. The manager or agent is responsible for the assessments. No shareholder is to be assessed on his stock or shares in a company. Taxes are a special lien for two years upon real estate. They may be recovered either from the owner or occupier, the tenant being first served with notice; and claims for taxes having precedence over all other liens on goods and chattels, &c. Certain errors in the assessment rolls may be corrected by the assessors at any time before a new one is levied. Executions issued by the Receiver of Taxes under the Act of the 29th Vic. shall run to any part of the County of St. John as well as the city. The assessors are to search the registry of shipping and public departments where bonds and other public securities are registered for information, and pay the necessary fees. Assessment is not to be levied on freight or earnings of any steamer or other vessel entering or clearing the port.

Cap. 37—Incorporates the "Carleton (St. John) Shipwright's Shipbuilding and Trading Company," for the purpose of building ships or vessels, and freighting, chartering or trading with or selling the same," &c. Permanent capital, \$400,000, in shares of \$10. An accumulation capital to be formed of 5 per cent. of the first cost of each vessel after paying debts of Company, but before any dividend; to be used for charges or losses on such vessel and building others to replace her. To hold real estate worth \$12,000. There are to be seven Directors, of whom one shall be President; four, including him, to be elected each year; qualification, five shares, 25 per cent. paid up. One share gives a vote, and three more a second vote. No person to have more than two. Proxies in the hands of shareholders allowed. Shares may be issued to be paid for by monthly instalments; but no person shall hold more than two, until he has paid up something on them. Shares may be forfeited and sold, and the amount appropriated to a reserve fund. Operations not to commence till \$4,000 are subscribed and \$1,000 paid up, and certificate thereof lodged with the Provincial Secretary. No Director, except the President, to receive any salary or allowances.

Cap. 38—Authorizes the Rev. Edgar Lowell Foster, Congregationalist Minister at St. Stephen, after taking the oath of allegiance, to solemnize marriages.

Cap. 39—Authorizes George McLeod and James Cameron to erect booms across and along the shores of the River Richibouguacacis, near mills owned by them, to enable them to sort the lumber passing down and retain their own. The sorting to be done every day, except Sunday, while timber is passing down, and timber not theirs allowed to go on. Any person owning such timber may recover damages for any neglect or unreasonable delay. Wilfully to damage the booms or piers to be a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than three years.

Cap. 40—Amends the Act authorizing the Trustees of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, to sell certain lands in the city; and authorizes the Commissioners to raise \$3,000 on security of the new church and lands, and to sell the pews not allocated under the previous Act, and devote the proceeds to the repayment of this loan.

Cap. 41—Authorizes the General Sessions of the Peace for Queen's County to raise a loan, not exceeding \$6,000, upon debentures, for the erection of a new gaol. Interest not to exceed 6 per cent. Debentures and coupons to be payable to lender or bearer, and negotiable like promissory notes. Sessions may levy a rate not exceeding \$2,000 per annum to pay off the interest and principal of loan.

Cap. 42—Authorizes the Sessions for Charlotte County to raise a sum of \$1,000 to procure and transmit to the Government of Canada information respecting the frontier route of the Intercolonial