

or that it would be for the interest of a majority of such persons that it should be sold, it may, after summons to show cause, directed to all the persons interested, and hearing them and receiving evidence, order such sale to be made by a barrister, who shall return the moneys into court, and report his proceedings and the nature and extent of the rights transferred by the sale. Thereupon the court orders the division of the moneys among the parties interested, after deducting costs, &c. The court may order the costs to be paid by such persons, or out of such funds, as it may deem just.

DESERTION FROM H. M. FORCES.

Cap. 15—Repeals c. 36, Tit. 3 of the Revised Statutes, but preserves the rights of any person apprehending a deserter, before the passing of this Act, to reward under that. The keeper of any gaol must receive and keep a deserter, free of expense, whether conveyed under warrant of a J. P. or military escort.

TRUSTEES.

Cap. 16—Gives power to the Supreme Court in Equity to remove Trustees and appoint others in their places, with rights of Trustees under the Imperial "Trustee Act of 1850" and 15 and 16 V., c. 55, and N. B. Act 30 V., c. 16. The provisions of those Acts are extended to Trustees so dismissed or appointed. The court, or a judge of it, may allow compensation to Trustees for their services. Purchasers of real estate, sold by Trustees or Executors, are not bound to see to the application of moneys paid by them.

MARRIAGE.

Cap. 17—Repeals s. 6 of c. 103, tit. 26 of the Revised Statutes. The clergyman or other person celebrating a marriage may receive 50 cents for preparing and transmitting the certificate, and the Clerk of the Peace 50 cents for registering and fying it.

HOMESTEADS.

Cap. 18—Repeals s. 9 of the Act last session, which declared an Appraiser violating his oath to be guilty of felony.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

Cap. 19—Alters the sitting of KING'S COUNTY COURT from the 1st Tuesday in April to 2nd Tuesday in MARCH.

Cap. 20—Amends the ST. JOHN POLICE MAGISTRATE JURISDICTION EXTENSION ACT. It repeals ss. 4 & 6 of 22 V. The Common Council of the city, with the assent of a majority of the members from the West side of the harbour, may regulate the additional salary of the magistrate, police clerk, chief of police, and policeman, for duties under that Act. The first not to exceed \$200 per annum, the second and third \$100 each per annum, the third \$360. The Common Council may borrow not more than \$800 to pay off the Carleton Police Fund Debt, and issue 6 per cent. 14 years' debentures, with coupons therefor. They may assess the inhabitants not more than \$800 per annum, for salaries and this loan.

Cap. 21—Alters and CONSOLIDATES the LAWS RESPECTING BASTARDY IN ST. JOHN. It repeals cap. 57, tit. 8. of the Revised Statutes and all other inconsistent enactments, and provides that upon affidavit of a single woman, that she has been or is about to be delivered of a child which will be chargeable to any parish in said city and county, and charging any person with being its father, he may be arrested upon warrant of a J.P. If he confesses the paternity, he is to pay \$100 to the Commissioners of the Alms House and Work House, or give security to them to indemnify them. If he denies it, the cause is sent for trial to the County Court. Should the woman marry or die, or miscarry, or should the child die before the trial, the person accused is discharged. If upon trial he is condemned, he must pay \$100 into Court, with costs, or an order of affiliation is made. But no order is made unless the child has become a parish charge, or for more than the lying-in expenses, the costs of proceedings, and 70 cents per week from the birth of the child till it is 7 years old. If he do not give proper security for the child's support, he may be committed to gaol, but may be released upon proof of poverty, or payment of the \$100 and costs, or putting in security. The remainder of the act provides for the forms of procedure in the case, or for the forfeiture of recognizances.

Cap. 22—Amends the Act authorizing the SALE OF FREDERICTON CHURCH LANDS, and authorizes the investment of the proceeds in Provincial, City or County Debentures issued under any Provincial Act or in other public securities issued under such authority or that of Parliament, but not in stock or shares of a joint stock company.

Cap. 23—Alters the time of the WESTMORELAND GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE from the 3rd to the 2nd Tuesday in June, and 2nd to the 1st Tuesday in December, continuing processes and recognizances for those dates.

Cap. 24—Amends the ACT FOR REPAIRING ROADS, &c., IN CHATHAM, exempting that portion of the parish bounded by the old Napan road, by the rear line of the first tier of lots fronting on the Miramichi, by the road leading from the Rectory to the Napan, and by the southerly line of the township, from its operation.

Cap. 25—Amends the Act respecting the ST. JOHN HOSPITAL, and provides that a copy of the annual statement prepared for the L. G. in C. and legislature shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Peace between 1st January and 1st March each year, to be by him laid before the General Sessions and submitted to the Grand Jury.

Cap. 26—Amends the FREDERICTON HOTEL COMPANY'S Act, and authorises it to convert all unsubscribed stock into 8 p. c. preference stock.