

LAW STAMPS.

Cap. 42—Enacts that the stamps to be collected under 27 and 28 V., c. 5., shall pertain to and be in charge of the Provincial Government, so far as they are payable in Ontario. The Act is to go into operation by proclamation of the L. G.

MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS.

Cap. 43—Repeals ss. 51, 281, 282, and sub. s. 3, s. 286 of 29 and 30 V., c. 51, and provides that in case a majority of the owners of property to be benefited, petition for the deepening of a stream, &c., and the draining of property, the Council will appoint an Engineer to examine it, and make plans and estimates. If the Council deems the work expedient it may pass a by-law providing for the work, and for levying the necessary assessment on the parties interested to pay off the debentures issued to raise money for the work. Any party may pay his whole assessment, less interest, before the debentures issue. These rates cannot be collected of tenants, unless specially mentioned in the lease. The by-law provides for the manner of ascertaining by the Engineer what properties will be benefited, and assessable. An appeal from him is given to the Council and County Judge. The by-law is published for 6 weeks, with notice that parties objecting must apply to a Superior Court at Toronto, to quash it during the next term after it has passed if they wish to do so; also, for the first four weeks, notice of a Court of Appeal to be holden by the Council, at a date 20 to 30 days after the first publication. The appeal to the County Judge must be taken within 10 days after the Council. If an appeal is not taken or if the by-law be not quashed within these delays, it shall not thereafter be called in question for any error in substance or form, in itself or in passing it. The surveys, when necessary, may be carried into an adjoining municipality till sufficient fall is found. If it do not extend into adjoining municipality, but benefits lands or a road therein, the Engineer reports thereon, and what proportion of expense the persons or municipality benefited should pay. This report, or the report in favor of extension is served upon the head of such other municipality. That Council must appeal, within 30 days after such service, notice thereof being given to the first council, with the name of an arbitrator, and calling upon it also to appoint one within ten days. The engineer first employed is not eligible as arbitrator. The County Judge appoints a third, in case the other two fail for 6 days to do so. The three must meet within 10 days after appointment, and hear and determine the case. The council of the second municipality must, within 4 weeks from the time of service of the first notice, pass a by-law providing for the expense of the work, if it be proceeded with, or the arbitrators do not relieve it. After its completion the two councils must make the necessary provision for its maintenance. If a drain so completed is afterwards used as an outlet by a municipality, company or individual, it may be assessed for its construction and maintenance in like manner.

Separation of Counties.

After the appointments are made the L. G. issues his proclamation declaring the separation to take effect on the first January next, after the expiring of three mos. from the date of the proclamation. The property of the union in each county belongs to the county. The assets and *choses* in action belonging to either is divided as agreed upon: if there be no agreement, to the senior or remaining union, and in any case may be recoverable in its name. The Sheriff of the union may continue to completion any process begun in the junior county before the separation.

Licensing Hawkers, &c.

In place of sub. s. 3 of s. 286 power is given to issue licenses to hawkers or peddlers to exercise their calling in the city or country, and providing township clerks with such licenses, but no duty is to be charged on their selling only products of Canada, except liquors.

COMMON SCHOOLS.—TORONTO.

Cap. 44—Provides for the election of School Trustees in Toronto. The Electors meet to nominate candidates on the last Wednesday in December, and if no more candidates are nominated than there are Trustees the election is then completed. If more are nominated the election is adjourned to the second Wednesday in January, when a poll is held. The County Judge hears appeals within twenty days. No person is deemed a supporter of a separate school for colored people unless living within 3 miles of the school house.

MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Cap. 45—Repeals previous acts, and incorporates the Medical profession of the Province under the title of the "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario." Its affairs are managed by a Council, one member being elected by each School of Medicine connected with a body entitled to confer medical degrees, (no Teacher or Professor to sit for any but his own school, of 5 Homeopaths, 5 Eclectics, and 12 other practitioners, all to be duly registered under the act. Of these 12 the practitioners in the Western and St. Clair Electoral Divisions elect 1, Malahide and Tecumseth 1, Saugeen and Brock 1, Gore and Thames 1, Erie and Niagara 1, Burlington and Home 1, Midland and York 1, King's and Queen's 1, Newcastle and Trent 1, Quinte and Catarqui 1, Bathurst and Rideau 1, and St. Lawrence and Eastern 1. They are elected for 3 years, in the manner provided by by-law of Council, on the second Wednesday of June in every third year. The officers are a President, Vice-President, and Registrar and Treasurer. The last and Board of Examiners may receive pay, to be fixed by the Council. The Registrar keeps a register of all duly qualified practitioners in the Province. Persons registered under the previous acts may re-register without fee; any person entitled to registry on 1st July, 1865, may register on payment of \$5, within one year of the passing of the act. Every person having or procuring within 6 mos. after the passing of the act a license for U. C., under 59, Geo. III, c. 13 or 8 Geo. IV c. 3; license or diploma, under 2 V. C. 33, or c. 49 C. S. U. C., license as in L. C. under 23 Geo. III, c. 8, or 10 and 11 V. C. 26 on amending acts, or C. S. L. C. c. 71, certificate of qualification by Colleges and bodies with power to grant them in Ontario, above referred to, a medical or surgical degree or diploma from any University or College in Her Majesty's Dominions, or such others as the Council determine, certificate of registration under the Imperial Act, 21 and 22 V. C. 90,