

dian vessels bound to or from that port to or from any in Canada. All government vessels are exempt from the obligation to take a pilot or pay pilotage. The apprenticeship of a pilot is not broken, though interrupted for not more than 4 mos., or by illness or involuntary absence or other legitimate cause, provided the loss of time is made up.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

Cap. 42—Amends 12 V., c. 114, relative to the TRINITY HOUSE, QUEBEC. If a vessel or anything else is sunk so as to obstruct the channel between Portneuf Basin and a line drawn from Barnaby Island to Cape Columbia, notice shall be given to the Trinity House, if within the harbor, within 48 hours; if outside, as soon as possible thereafter, under a penalty of \$10 to \$40 against the party in charge. Such person must also place sufficient signals on the spot by day, and lights by night, to warn others, under a penalty of \$5 to \$10 for every day or night, and the expenses of the Trinity House in doing so. Penalties recoverable before the Trinity House; expenses before civil court. The owner or person in charge having authority may be rid of further expense by paying part expenses and relinquishing the vessel or thing sunk, if the Trinity House accept. 15 days' neglect to show signals is a relinquishment, after which the Trinity House may take possession and dispose of the thing sunk.

Cap. 43—Amends the act incorporating QUEBEC PILOTS. The corporation is not responsible for the acts of any pilot, or damages caused by his fault. Sums earned are paid in monthly dividends not less than six days after declared. A master of vessel may select any pilot on board a schooner found on the pilot ground, who shall be bound to serve. When not occupied he must go on the roster, and must serve whenever selected under s. 32 of 23 Vic., c. 123.

Cap. 44—Amends the acts respecting QUEBEC HARBOR. Hereafter all the comrs. are to be elected by the bondholders. Sales of deep-water lots may not be made without consent of the G. in C. The property vested in trust in the comrs. is not liable to be taken in execution. Income, after payment of expenses of collection, to be held in trust for bondholders. They may, at a special meeting, reduce the sinking fund or the rate of interest on the bonds.

Cap. 45—Annexes the parts of BRANDON, within the Parishes of St. FELIX DE VALOIS and St. JEAN DE MATHA to JOLIETTE, for electoral purposes.

Cap. 46—Detaches DONCASTER from MONTCALM, and adds it to TERREBONNE, for electoral purposes.

Cap. 47—Amends the charter of the TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE, allowing those who are, or have been engaged in trade, to be members. Annual meeting to be in January. All members may be present at meetings of Council, though taking no part in proceedings, and have access to its minutes.

Cap. 48—Incorporates the St. THOMAS BOARD OF TRADE, with the usual powers.

Cap. 49—Continues the following BANK CHARTERS till the end of the session, after 1st June, 1870, as well as the Act 31 V., c. 11, respecting Banks, viz.:—The Quebec, City, (Montreal.) Du Peuple, Toronto, Ontario, Brantford, Canadian, of Commerce, Royal Canadian, Nationale, Gore and Niagara District Banks.

Cap. 50—Amends the charter of the QUEBEC BANK, extending the time for subscribing the remaining capital till 1st June, 1870.

Cap. 51—Amends the CHARTER OF THE CITY BANK, enabling it to convert its capital into 1,200 shares of \$100, instead of 1,500 of \$80. Instead of exacting the securities and bonds required by the charter it may set apart a fund to provide for losses sustained through officers and employers.

Cap. 52—Amends the charter of the BANK OF TORONTO authorizing an increase of stock to \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000. The annual meeting is held on 3rd Wednesday in June. Each direct r must hold \$2,000 stock. Its government securities may be payable in sterling or currency in England or Canada.

Cap. 53—Amends the charter of the ONTARIO BANK, granting power to change the head office of the bank to any other place in Ontario or Quebec, and providing for a new election of Directors in that case.

Cap. 54—Amends the CHARTER OF THE GORT BANK, authorizing the reduction of the shares from \$4 to \$24, and therefore to increase the capital to 1,000,000, in shares of \$50, and to alter the number of directors and scale of voting, and to change the name to BANK OF HAMILTON.

Cap. 55—Amends the charter of the UNION BANK OF L. C. respecting the election, qualification and powers of Directors.

Cap. 56—Amends the charter of the CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE authorizing an extension of capital by another \$1,000,000, and changing the day of annual meeting to 2nd Tuesday in July.

Cap. 57—Amends the charter of the BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK authorizing an increase of capital by \$3,000,000 and reducing the shares from £50 to \$100. Qualification of directors, 20 shares.

Cap. 58—Amends the charter of the ROYAL CANADIAN BANK, extending the period of suspension from 60 days to 90 days after passing of the Act (22nd June, 1869), giving power to amalgamate with any other bank, and providing manner of winding up if necessary, similar to those of commercial banks in Act of last session (see Year Book of 1869.)

Cap. 59—Incorporates THE MERCHANTS BANK OF HALIFAX—capital \$1,000,000, shares \$100 each. \$200,000, to be paid up before 1st November, 1869, and another \$100,000 1st