

must neither borrow from the Co. nor be sureties for those who do. The Co. may hold real estate for the purpose of its business to the value of \$20,000. The Co. may hold securities of the Dominion or any of the Provinces.

Cap. 59—Incorporates Charles J. Way, O. R. Jacobi, A. Vogt, Allan Edson and others as the SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ARTISTS, with power to hold real estate necessary for actual use and occupation, and to take real estate by gift, devise or bequest not holding it longer than five years. Corporation to have power to establish schools of art and design, art libraries, picture galleries and art unions.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Session opened 3rd November, Prorogued 24th December, 1869.

SUPPLY BILL.

Cap. 1—Appropriates \$1,999,550 for the public service for 1870; \$183,009 for 1868 and 1869; and \$43,180 for expenditures of the Government of Canada, on account of Ontario during 1867, 1868 and 1869.

DRAINAGE.

Cap. 2—Authorizes the advance of \$200,000 for drainage under the Public Works Act of last session. The Com. of Public Works is to keep separate accounts of its expenditure, and report immediately upon the completion of each work, and transmit his report with maps, plans, etc., to the arbitrators under that act. The arbitrators inspect the lands drained, and apportion the amount payable by the owners of such lands, for the work, and their proportions of the cost of maintenance. The draft of such award is to be printed and distributed among the parties concerned, and a copy deposited with the County Registrar, notice of such deposit being given for three weeks in the Ontario *Gazette*, and a County newspaper, requiring all objections to the award to be sent in at a date not less than one month after deposit. The arbitrators examine into the objections, hear evidence and may alter the award. When it is finally settled, it is deposited with the commissioner of Public Works, and a duplicate with the County Registrar, when it becomes binding and conclusive. A copy is then deposited with the clerk of each local municipality, who is bound to order, by by-law, the assessment and collect on of the monies charged on the several lots. This charge shall have priority over all others, and there shall be leviable a rent charge of 7 60-100 p. c. per annum, for the term of 23 years, from the 1st of January next after the award. It is to be entered on collector's roll as "charge under drainage act," and collected as other rates. The amount is to be remitted to the Treasurer of Ontario within one month after due, with interest at 7 p. c. during non-payment. In default of payment by owners of land the councils are to levy a rate to make good this rent charge, which will be the first charge on the Municipal funds after ordinary current disbursements and salaries. Previous payments for other purposes by Municipal treasurer or officer is to be a misdemeanor and render him and any reeve or councillor neglecting to see this provision executed personally liable for the amount unpaid. The arbitrators shall determine, when lands are under lease, the additional rent to be paid for lands so improved, to be endorsed upon the lease. On lands owned by the Crown the rent charge shall be paid by the C. C. L. to the Provincial Treasurer. The Arbitrators may hear and determine disputes about boundaries of or interests in lands so to be improved.

INDEMNITY TO MEMBERS AND SALARY OF SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY.

Cap. 3—Allowance to members is \$6 per diem for 30 days, or \$450 for the session if it lasts longer. The other provisions similar to Dominion Act—(see *Year Book of 1869*.) Salary of Speaker, \$1000 per session. Each member to receive \$450 for present session.

ELECTIONS.

Cap. 4—Abolishes the property qualification for members. Incorporated Villages with over 200 voters are to be divided like Towns, Wards, or Townships, into polling subdivisions.

COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.

Cap. 5—Repeals 32 V. c. 1, s. 6—The Members of the Court of Error and Appeal, being also Comrs. under the New Devises and Assignee Commission, should be paid from the 1st January, 1870, \$1,000 per an.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

Cap. 6—The L. G. may appoint Notaries Public, who shall have the right of drawing, passing, keeping, and issuing deeds, contracts, charter parties and other mercantile transactions, and attest commercial instruments brought before them for public protestation, and perform the other usual duties of Notaries. Appointments of Notaries Public since 1st July, 1870, are declared valid.

LAW REFORM—WRITS OF ERROR AND CERTIORARI.

Cap. 7—In a county court action entered for trial at assize or nisi prius. The judge has the same power of amendment, adjournment, reference to arbitration and making it a remanet, &c., as if commenced in a superior court. When made a remanet, such cause may be