

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Legislature opened 23d November, 1869, and Prorogued 1st February, 1870.

## SUPPLY BILL.

Cap. 1—Appropriates \$2,218,816, for the financial years ending 30th June, 1870 and 30th June, 1871.

## STAMPS.

Cap. 2—Authorizes the L. G. in C. to call in the stamps, at any time issued, and cancel them, and issue others in their place.

## LICENSESES.

Cap. 3—Authorizes the L. G. in C. to appoint persons to sign licenses in his behalf.

## INDEMNITY TO MEMBERS, AND SPEAKERS' SALARY.

Cap. 4—Grants an indemnity of \$6 per day, up to 30; and if the session be longer, \$600 for the session. A member must have been present 31 days, to entitle him to \$600. Advances may be made before the end of the session, up to \$4 per day of attendance. In other respects this Act like the Dominion Act of 1867.—(See *Year Book* for 1869.) Speakers salary \$2,400.

## INDEPENDENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Cap. 5—Declares that either House may compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of documentary evidence. No person is to be accountable for acts done upon the authority of either House; and it may issue its writs, commanding sheriffs, constables, and others, to aid in their execution. Assaults, insults, or libels upon members, during the session, or 20 days before or after, obstructing, threatening, or attempting to intimidate or force members to do or desist from any legislative act; the offering or acceptance of a bribe to influence proceedings in the House; assaults upon or interference with officers of either House, in the execution of their duty; tampering with any witness; presenting any forged or falsified document to either House or any committee, or forging or altering any record, is an offence against this act. Members are not to be responsible for anything said in debate in either House, or any petition, bill, resolution, etc., introduced therein; and any prosecution brought therefor, or the award of any damages, or arrest or imprisonment, are violations of this Act. Except for a breach of this Act, no member is liable to arrest or detention, for any debt, or civil cause of action, during the above-mentioned period. During the same period, members, officers, and employes, are not liable to serve as jurors. Any person infringing this Act shall be liable to such imprisonment, during the session, as the House shall order. Offences may be summarily inquired into by the House, against which the offence is committed. With respect to publication of papers, or abstracts thereof, the same immunities are given as by the Act of Parliament of Canada.—(See *Year Book* for 1869, p. 63.)

## PUBLIC WORKS, &amp;c.

Cap. 6—Amends the Act 32 V., c. 15, relating to Agriculture and Public Works. Houses and offices for the L. G. or public departments, are included in the Act. Unexpended balances in possession of the Board of Agriculture and Agricultural Associations, are to be paid over to the Comr., instead of the Treasurer. An agricultural society may be formed in each electoral division of a city or town. The Council may exempt societies from holding the statutory shows and competitions, and make such order about them as it may deem expedient. The Secretary-Treasurers have no vote. The Comr. may summon parties and witnesses in case of a contested election, or other dispute referred to him; may fine parties not appearing, and give and tax costs against those found in the wrong. The petitioners must deposit \$50 with the Secretary of the Department, to meet costs, before proceeding. In cities and towns the annual grant is not to exceed \$400. The affidavit of subscriptions, etc., must be made by the President and Secretary-Treasurer, and transmitted on or before the 15th Sept., else no grant is allowed; but the Secretary of the Council must, each year, give the society one month's notice of this fact. Where there are two societies in a county, one complying may get the whole grant, if the other fail. No person may pass a toll-gate established on a colonization road without payment of toll, or avoid it by a detour, in order to escape payment, after using a part of the road, under a penalty of \$10. All suits are to be instituted by the Atty. Gen., in the name of H. M.

## PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Cap. 7—Dispenses with the use of parchment for public documents.

## CONTINUING ACTS.

Cap. 8—Continues Acts of L. C., 2 G. IV., cc. 8 and 10; 4 G. IV., c. 26; 9 G. IV., c. 32, and the Act of Canada, 28 V., c. 20, to the end of the session next after January 1st, 1871.

## COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

Cap. 9.—The terms of the Court of Queen's Bench shall be held in Quebec and Montreal at such times as shall be fixed by the L. G. in C., but be held, till so fixed, under C. S. L. C., c. 77, ss. 19 and 81, and 31 V., c. 19, s. 1.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

Cap. 10.—The Superior Court shall hereafter consist of one Chief Justice and eighteen Puisne Judges.

## DISTRICT MAGISTRATES.

Cap. 11.—The L. G. in C. is to determine the fees of clerks and constables in the District Magistrate's Courts. The jurisdiction in criminal matters is declared limited by the legislation