

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

Cap. 22.—No person shall be imprisoned under process in a civil suit, for more than two years. When that period has elapsed, the sheriff or jailor shall discharge him without payment of fees; but such discharge shall not prevent the plaintiff from proceeding to judgment, or issuing an execution against his property. This act is not to apply to persons imprisoned under any law of Canada, or for crown debt. The act to remain in force for one year, and not to apply to persons out on bail.

SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

Cap. 23.—Amends 17 V., c. 15. No license is to be issued in any parish, when two-thirds of the rate payers petition the sessions against the issue of any. Selling without license, or, with a wholesale license, selling less than a pint, or allowing liquor to be drunk on the premises is punishable by a penalty of from \$10 to \$40, or 30 to 50 days imprisonment in default, for a first offence; \$20 to \$50 for a second, or 40 to 80 days in default; for every subsequent offence, \$60 or 3 mos. The prosecution is to be had before the general sessions or a J. P. Bribing or intimidating any one to hinder his giving evidence or attempting to do so, is punishable by a fine of \$20. Keeping a shop with liquors therein, or keeping liquors in any part of a building, apparently for sale, or having any person drinking on the premises, or coming therefrom intoxicated, is *prima facie* proof against the occupier. The act amended, and all amending acts are continued in force till 1st January 1875. This is not to affect the act of 24 V. respecting the sale of liquors in St. John.

LUNACY.

Cap. 24.—On application by petition, or information under oath to a judge of a Supreme Court in Equity, he may order a commission *de lunatico* or *de ideoto inquirendo* to issue under the seal of the court. Further proceedings shall be as heretofore,—the commission, inquisition and return being filed with the clerk in equity, whether issued under the Act 32 Vic. or this Act.

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Cap. 25.—No person shall be admitted to the asylum until \$20 has been paid to comrs. or person in charge, or an order of the J. P. on the county treasurer for that amount be lodged with him. The J. P.'s are authorized to grant such an order, and they may issue a warrant to levy such amount and expenses on the property of the lunatic, to be repaid, out of the sum levied, to such treasurer, and any balance being paid over to the comr. for the benefit of the lunatic. Any portion of the amount not so reimbursed to the treasurer is to be assessed on the county.

ATTORNEY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Cap. 26.—No person shall be refused admission as an attorney because he has received a salary or remuneration during the term of his study, or practised in any court, or engaged in any other business, provided he has done so with the knowledge and consent of the barrister with whom he has studied.

SALES BY AUCTION.

Cap. 27.—Sufficiency of securities under title 3, c. 16, s. 2 of the revised statutes must be approved by the R. G., who is the "proper officer" mentioned therein. The accounts, required by that Act to be under oath, may be attested before any J. P. of the county. The condition of a bond taken under it shall be to render a true account, on oath, of sales, to the R. G., and punctually pay duties to him.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF DECEASED PERSONS.

Cap. 28.—Repeals the Act of last session on this subject.

FENCES, TRESPASSES AND POUNDS.

Cap. 29.—If cattle break or go into any close, through or over a lawful fence, the owner may take them to the pound-keeper of the district, who shall impound them, receiving the same fees as for cattle going at large, and cattle may be so impounded, though those portions of the fence over or through which the cattle have gone may not be of lawful height, or a portion of the close may not be surrounded by a fence.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS ACTING UNDER AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Cap. 30.—Officers of the law, whether judicial or ministerial, are not subject to any attachment, action or suit, fine or imprisonment for anything done under the Act 31 V. respecting insolvent and confined debtors, or any other Act of the Legislature of the Province; nor are they compelled to obey an injunction of the Supreme Court in equity, or an order of the Supreme Court, in respect thereof, and it is a good answer to any suit or proceeding in respect thereof that such Act of such officer was so done.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Cap. 31.—Clerks of county courts, and clerks of the circuit in any county, are ineligible to, and incapable of sitting in or voting in the Assembly.

BASTARDY.

Cap. 32.—Extends the provisions of 32 V., c. 21, "respecting bastardy in the city and county of St. John's," to the whole Province. (See *Year Book* for 1870, p. 33.) Monies to be paid to, or recognizances entered into in favor of overseer of the poor for a parish or city instead of the comrs. of the alms house and workhouse.

WITNESSES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE OR COMMITTEES.

Cap. 33.—Authorizes committees of either House, or joint-committees of both, to compel the attendance of witnesses and examine them on oath, and enforce the production of papers, &c. Chairman administers the oath, of which a minute is entered in the proceedings. Any