

CROWN, CLERGY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL LANDS.

Cap. 20—The L. G. in C. has authority to reduce the price of any of the above kinds of lands sold before 1st July, 1867, for a price greater than its fair market value, such price remaining unpaid, and may also reduce the amount payable as arrears of interest or unpaid instalments. Before such reduction, lands are to be examined and valued by the C. C. of L. or one or more inspectors appointed for the purpose. Reduction is only made where the purchaser, or person claiming under him, is an actual settler, in occupation.

PUBLIC FAIRS.

Cap. 21—The Council of each County or Town, on petition of fifty electors, may authorize the holding of Fairs in one or more places in each Township, or Village, &c., and make by-laws for their regulation.

THE DRAINAGE ACT.

Cap. 22—Amends the Drainage Act. Proprietors, &c., of lands taxed for main drains may turn the water from such lands through lateral into the public drains without further charge. Proprietors of lands are enabled to commute the rent charge imposed on their lands for government drainage by paying the principal thereof to free their lands of such rent charge. Where roads of Municipalities are benefitted by government drainage they may be made liable to a rent charge therefor in the same manner as individuals.

AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS ACT.

Cap. 23—The Entomological Society is enabled to take the benefit of the Act when 25 members paying subscriptions of not less than \$1, organize themselves under it. It may receive aid not exceeding \$500 yearly, and shall hold an annual exhibition and report the same at the same time as the Provincial Association. Veterinary Surgeons who have passed the examination and taken the diploma of the College may demand fees when summoned as witnesses. None others may append the term "Veterinary Surgeon" or any abbreviation of it to their names. The Council of the Provincial Association are to report to the C. P. W. within thirty days of the annual exhibition respecting the progress in agriculture and the arts shown by it as compared with those of previous years. The maximum grants to Mechanics' Institutes are increased from \$200 to \$400, they being only bound to contribute half the amount of the Government grant. That to the Fruit Growers Association is increased from \$350 to \$500. The Entomological Society may affiliate and receive a grant of \$500 per annum. One week's notice must be given of the annual meeting of an Electoral Division Society. Towns and villages not forming separate electoral divisions form part of the township for the purposes of this Act. A County Society can only unite for a show with one of the townships within the County or a township with another in the same electoral division. A Township Society may hold its show separately from the county in the same township but not within 5 miles of the place where the latter is held. Horticultural Societies uniting their show with that of the County, make their Directors, &c., Directors. The affidavit and application for grant to County Societies may be sent in on

or before 1st September, and for Township, 1st August. Toronto need not subscribe a larger proportion than any other society. No person under 18 can be a member. No subscriber can secure his vote by paying after the poll is opened. Votes must be taken between 12 M. and 4 P. M. Office bearers of a Society must be rate-payers in the township or county, but members need not be resident. Delegates to any Board or Council must produce certificates of their appointment. Societies holding fair grounds, &c., in common, may continue to do so or dispose of them. Societies organized since the passing of the Act of 1868, have the same privileges as those before under s. 51. The grant of land or money by Municipalities to Societies or Institutes in adjoining municipalities is rendered valid, as well as *bona fide* sales and conveyances of lands by Societies.

REAL ESTATE OF MARRIED WOMEN.

Cap. 24—Repeals C. S. U. C., c. 85, ss. 2, 3, & 4. In case a married woman executes a deed conveying real estates, she shall do so in presence of a Judge of one of the Superior Courts, or Judge of a County Court, or a Notary Public, or two J. P., who shall examine her, apart from her husband, respecting her consent thereto, and grant a certificate that she acts of her free will, (if that appear upon examination). If it be executed in other British territories, it is to be done before the Chief Justice or a Judge of a Superior Court, or a Notary Public, or the Mayor or Chief Magistrate of the city or borough, &c.; and in any foreign country before the Governor or Chief Executive officer, the resident British Consul, a Judge of a Court of Record, a Notary Public or Mayor, &c., who shall make a similar examination and grant a similar certificate—in the latter case to be under the seal of office of the party granting it.

Discharges of mortgages registered before as well as after the passing of 32 V. c. 9, are valid without the examination.

REGISTRATION OF TITLES.

Cap. 25—Authorizes the L. G. in C. to separate cities or junior Counties or Ridings—not separated for municipal or judicial purposes—from the other Ridings or Counties for registration purposes, and appoint the place for keeping the Registry Office, until separation for other purposes, when it is to be placed in the county town. Prothonotarial copies of deeds executed in Quebec are made valid as originals for registration purposes as Notarial copies were before.

Cap. 26—Deeds executed prior to the passing of the 31 V. c. 20, affecting lands in more than one county of which no memorial has been executed, may be recorded in one, upon proofs under the Act, and in the others by means of a copy and proof as in case of Powers of Attorney.

Cap. 27—Authorizes copies of Registry Books affecting lands in Wayne County, in the State of Michigan, now in the hands of the Registrar of the county of Essex, to be made by him, certified by such Registrar and the Judge of said County Court, and thereafter to be taken and used as originals; and the L. G. may thereupon order the present original books to be handed over to the Registrar of Wayne County, Michigan.