

that effect at 2 separate meetings of Council becomes a contract in favor of the manufacturer. Wherever such exemption would create an unfair competition with a manufactory already established, it also may be included in the exemption. The Act is not to apply to flour mills, gas-works or distilleries.

PROTECTION OF FORESTS FROM FIRE.

Cap. 19—Amends 33 V. c. 36, (*See Year Book for 1871*.) No felled timber or turf, peat or stumps are to be set fire to within a forest or a mile therefrom, except for clearing lands, and then not between the 1st July and 1st September. For exceptions see Act above cited. Any person is liable for fire caused by his pipe, cigar or wadding of his gun or other burning substance—he being bound to extinguish it in either case. The penalty for contravention of the Act is made a fine not exceeding \$50; or imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both penalties may be imposed. Any person of full age may prosecute, and one half the penalty goes to the prosecutor. All suits to be commenced within 3 months.

RAILWAY CO'S.

Cap. 20—To render a meeting for the organization of the Co. valid, it is sufficient that the stock has been subscribed and percentage paid in before the meeting actually takes place—though not before it is called. No chief officer of a municipality shall vote on municipal stock for the election of Directors.

LAND GRANTS TO RAILWAY CO'S.

Cap. 21—Grants 3,208,500 acres of land, to R. R. Co's in the Province. Of this, 2,000,000 acres to the North Shore R. R. Co., now including the St. Maurice Navigation & Land Co., for the building of the Railway from Quebec to Montreal, with a branch to Grandes Piles, and establishing steamers on the St. Maurice. The Co. is entitled to the lands when the work is completed: but when the Co. is engaged in constructing the works, the L. G. in C. may grant a proportionate quantity for each 25 miles completed. The L. G. in C. shall appoint at least one-third of the Directors not representing municipalities, and no municipality shall have more Directors than the Province. Former grants made to the St. Maurice Co. are taken away. 10,000 acres per mile may be granted by the L. G. in C. to the Montreal Northern Colonization R. R. Co., for building a R. R. from Montreal to Alymer, on the north shore of the Ottawa, 5,000 acres per mile may be given upon the completion of any section of 25 miles between Montreal and Grenville, and a proportionably increased rate for the sections between Grenville and Alymer. This R. R. to connect with the North Shore R. R. at a point to be settled by the L. G. in C. He has the same power of appointing Directors as in the North Shore R. R. The grant to this R. R. under the 82 V. c. 52, may not be made for this portion of the M. N. C. The L. G. in C. may grant to the Quebec and New Brunswick R. R. Co. 10,000 acres of land for every mile built between the frontier of the Province and Riviere du Loup, or Kamouraska, —such lands to be in Packington, Bottsford, and Robinson, and the territory adjoining the boundary line. A proportionate grant

may be made for every 25 miles of the road. The condition of the grant is, that one half the land shall be conceded to actual settlers, at prices fixed by the L. G. in C., not less than \$100 per acre. The subsidy of 3 p. c. on \$5,000 per mile for 15 miles of each road under the 32 V., c. 52, s. 2, (*see Year Book for 1870*) will be granted for the sections finished before 1st July 1875. It is made applicable to the St. Francis & Megantic International Railway Co., and not to the St. Francis Valley & Kennebec R.R. Co. It applies also to the branches, &c., provided for by cap. 25 of this session. Iron rails may be laid upon colonization roads under the Act of 1869, instead of wooden. The claim to lands under this Act will be forfeited by any Co. which has not commenced to build its R. R. before 1st May, 1873. Sections 11 and 12 of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, 33 V., c. 56, is confirmed in so far as they relate to subjects within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Legislature. The blocks of land from which the above grants are to be taken are, "A," in County of Pontiac, traversed by the principal branch of the Ottawa and the Abitibi, being 1,827,400 acres. "B," partly in Portneuf and partly in Quebec, including the Island of Lake Edward and the tract watered by the rivers Batiscan and Pierre, being 819,440 acres; "C," in the County of Montcalm, 371,200 acres; "D," on the eastern bank of the river St. Maurice, partly in the County of Champlain and partly in Chicoutimi, 685,466 acres. Land in B, C and D, held under timber licence are excepted therefrom. The deficiency is to be made up from the nearest lands not so occupied.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

Cap. 22—The time for the completion of the works of the NORTH SHORE R.R. & ST. MAURICE N. & L. Co. is extended to 1st May 1877. New share books are to be opened on or before the 8th January, and kept open to the 8th May, 1871. To be re-opened on the 22nd of that month, and kept open to 12 May of the next year, and so on, year by year, till the capital stock is all subscribed. The original shareholders may re-subscribe their names and have credit for their paid up instalments. But shares formerly subscribed, on which nothing has been paid, are cancelled. Capital to be \$6,000,000, and the Co. may issue debentures to a similar amount, subject to C. S. L. C., c. 66, s. 9, subs. 11. which shall also apply to the debentures of subscribing municipalities. The counties of St. Maurice and Maskinonge shall each be responsible for one-half of the subscription of \$100,000 made by the former County of St. Maurice in 1853, but the county councils may impose new conditions upon the expenditure of the grant by the Co., by resolution. Gauge not to be less than 4 feet 8½ inches. The subscription of \$1,000,000 by the city of Quebec, by resolution of 4th October 1870, with the conditions annexed thereto, is confirmed; but new conditions may be annexed by a vote, by the joint consent of the Co. and the City Council. The City Corporation may issue and sell irredeemable 7 p. c. stock certificates of not less than \$500 each to raise money to pay such subscription or may deliver them to the Co. as such payment. A special rate may be imposed to meet the interest thereon. The city after subscription may appoint 3 directors of Co.

Cap. 23—Amends the charter of the MON-