

entitled to deposit more than one envelope in the box. A person convicted of personating any elector who shall not forthwith pay the fine shall be imprisoned for not less than three months. Candidates may themselves vote at any poll in the county.

Cap. 2—Revisors lists are to be sent in before 20th April instead of 10th May. The Sheriff to ascertain non-resident electors on 24th April instead of 20th May. Voters list to be signed by Sheriff and deposited with Clerk of Peace on 4th May.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Cap. 3—Prohibits from voting any employed in the Post Office, (except as way office keeper or courier,) Customs, or Inland revenue departments, light-house service, Crown lands, or local Public Works and Mines. Any such person voting forfeits from \$20 to \$200, or is liable to imprisonment for three months in default of payment within 1 month. The names of such persons are not to be entered on the voters' list or, if entered, to be struck off. Contractors for materials or to perform any specific work on the Government railways, or laborers employed by the day in their repair may vote.

JURY LISTS FOR 1871.

Cap. 4—Declares the jury panels drawn at last term of the Supreme Court legal, notwithstanding informalities in lists and posting them.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND ELECTORS LISTS.

Cap. 5—Declares these legal, notwithstanding their non-completion within the time required by law or their non-return and filing according to law.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE DISABILITIES.

Cap. 6—The Commissioners and managers of Government railroads, revenue officers of the Canadian Government, or persons acting as agents for that Government or any department of it are disqualified from sitting in the Legislative Council or Assembly. To qualify themselves they must have resigned their office or employment 10 days before appointment or nomination. This act not to apply to departmental officers of the Provincial Government, way office keepers, surveyors of shipping, Queen's Counsel or J. P.

Cap. 7—Permits the C. C. L. to have a seat in the Legislature.

FREE GRANTS AND HOMESTEADS.

Cap. 8—The L. G. in C. may appropriate any Crown Lands as free grants to settlers and grant them, under rules to be prescribed by Order in Council, in lots not larger than 100 acres to each. Locatee (to whom land is allotted) must be of the age of 18 years and upwards and must make affidavit that he is so, that the land is fit for cultivation and he desires it for that purpose, and for himself and no other person, and that he is not locatee for any other lot. The grant is not to issue till 5 years after location nor then unless settlement duties are performed—same as in Ontario (see *Year Book* for 1869, p. 77.) The other provisions as in Ontario Act, except the reservations, none being stated.

CROWN LANDS.

Cap. 9—Whenever land is applied for, for lumbering or other purpose—not settlement and cultivation—it shall be surveyed in blocks of one square mile each, the lots found fit for settlement being marked on the plan and reserved. The remaining tract shall, after advertising for 30 days, be disposed of at auction for a term of 10 years,—an upset price of 41 cts. per acre being put on it. The lessees or their assigns have a right of renewal at the original price. Not more than two square miles can be granted for lumbering purposes in one lease. The lessees may cut and take away all trees on such lots and all minerals except gold, silver, tin, lead, copper, coal, iron and precious stones. No grant (in perpetuity) is to be made unless upon affidavit that it is bought for actual occupation and not to be held for speculation, under penalty of forfeiture. The lots reserved for settlement, &c., shall be as near as may be of 100 acres—and not more than one square mile shall be granted to one applicant. The C. C. L. may, with the sanction of the L. G. in C., order roads to be laid out to the reserved lots and the settlers may pay a portion of the price of their lands in labor on them. Persons in possession of Crown Lands for less than 60 years may be made to pay for them if not mortgaged or incumbered—in which case the C. C. L. must examine and decide in whose favor the grant should issue. On refusal of the party in possession to comply with the order of the C. C. L., he may be ejected. A lessee who cuts timber on lands not included in his grant or buys it knowing it to be so cut by others forfeits \$2 to \$40 per each spar or log.

MINES AND MINERALS.

Cap. 10—Amends the Mining Act of 1869. The notice to be given by the Chief Commissioner of Mines to a lessee who has abandoned or failed to work his location effectively, that the charge will be investigated, shall be for 6 months, and if the lessee, in the meantime, work it effectively the area shall not be forfeited. If the working be only colorable and not effective the forfeiture must be declared. An appeal lies to the Supreme Court or Judge of it—security for costs being put in. The term of lease may be extended from 2 to 3 years—half the amount originally paid being paid for the extension.

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Cap. 11—24 members form a quorum to strike an election Committee.

Cap. 12—The Provincial Secretary shall not serve on such Committee, and any other member of the Executive Council may be excused upon declaring on oath that his service there could be prejudicial to the public service.

AGRICULTURE.

Cap. 13—The Board of Agriculture shall consist of 21 members, 4 from Halifax and 1 from each of the other counties, each Society (except in Halifax) annually electing a representative, and those so elected in each county, meeting to elect the member of the Board. In Halifax each Society elects 4.

COSTS AND FEES.

Cap. 14—The fee for a Sheriff's Commission hereafter is to be \$2.