

LABOUR ON THE HIGHWAYS.

Cap. 16—Sub-district surveyors of roads may receive 50 cts. in lieu of a day's labour which any one is bound to do; but they must give 6 days notice of the place where they expend such sums, letting the work by auction. Penalties under 25 V., c. 16, s. 23, are to be expended in like manner. Returns to be made to the Commissioners 1st November each year. Surveyors are to do their duty with or without instructions. They or Commissioners neglecting them incur the penalty under 25 V., c. 16, s. 43. If either be ordered to be brought before the sessions, but cannot because of their adjournment, he must be taken before a J. P. and give bail for his appearance at the next. Costs may be given in these as in civil suits. Taxes of non-residents are to be paid to and expended by the surveyor of the district in which their land is.

Cap. 17—Amends the law respecting the SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS in ST. JOHN. They may not be sold between 11 p.m. on Saturday and sunrise on the next Monday. Any J. P. or peace officer may enter premises where they are sold at any time. For refusal to admit them, or sale or purchase as above a penalty of \$10 to \$50 is incurred. The finding of jugs, or decanters, &c., glasses, &c., in a condition shewing recent use is *prima facie* proof of sale. Hotels, inns, &c., may supply their guests. A copy of this Act is to be posted up in the premises of each license-holder under penalty of \$1 per day.

Cap. 18—Amends the act concerning RATES & TAXES IN ST. JOHN (31 V. c. 36.) S. 4 does not apply to agents of Foreign or Marine Insurance Cos., but they are to be rated upon the amount of net profits made by each from premiums. They must furnish a statement of these on oath within 30 days after they are required to do so by assessors. If they neglect, then the assessors may (10 days thereafter) rate them as they think right without appeal. The Agent or Manager is deemed the owner of the net proceeds,—his right to recover taxes from the Co. being saved. Life Insurance Cos. are exempt.

Cap. 19—Authorizes the appointment by the L. G. in C., of a barrister to be DISTRICT or STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE at BATHURST, for the County of GLOUCESTER, who shall have authority to do all which 2 other J. P. may do. He may appoint constables, their and his compensation being fixed by the sessions.

Cap. 20—Incorporates the TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN with similar municipal privileges to those accorded to Portland. It is divided into 3 wards. The Council to consist of a Mayor and 6 Councillors,—2 from each ward, all to be elected annually. One assessor for each ward is to be elected at the same time. Qualifications for either, residence and assessments for £100; of electors, residence as rate payers for a year, or assessments of \$100 for non-residents. Disqualifications as in Portland, except insolvency.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Cap. 21—The L. G. in C. may appoint a Chief Superintendent of Education with a salary of \$1,200 with travelling expenses and contingencies of office, and a Clerk or assistant with \$1,000. The L. G., members of

the Executive Council, President of the University and Superintendent of Education constitute a Board of Education. The L. G., 3 members of the Council and Superintendent (who acts as Secretary) form a quorum. Its duties are—1. To provide a training and model school, and appoint a Principal—salary \$1,000, and make allowances not exceeding \$24 each to pupil teachers in attendance. 2. To appoint 14 inspectors of schools, \$4,000 being granted them as remuneration (as far practicable each county to be an inspection district) and to prescribe their qualifications and duties. 3. To divide the Province into school districts—none to have less than 50 resident children between 5 and 16 years old, unless it contain 4 square miles. 4. To make regulations for the organization, Government and discipline of schools, their classification and that of teachers, to appoint examiners and grant or cancel licenses. 5. To prescribe text books and apparatus &c., and plans for school houses. 6. To determine appeals from Inspectors. 7. To make regulations for the distribution of school moneys; and 8—general regulations. The Superintendent, under the board, has a general supervision of the Inspectors and schools, and enforces the Act and regulations. He apportions schools moneys, withholding the allowance from those making false or insufficient returns. He furnishes the clerks of peace with the nos. and boundaries of districts within their counties, and inspectors, teachers and trustees, with the law and regulations, and he reports annually. The duties of the Inspectors are to examine semi-annually, and report upon the schools and see to the execution of the law and regulations, to hear complaints respecting the election of Trustees, and report annually what districts should have a special grant on account of poverty. The salaries of teachers are provided for from the Provincial grant, the county school fund and district assessments. Out of this latter also all further local expenses are paid,—the Trustees having the right to borrow money for not more than 7 years for the erection of school houses. The Provincial grant is—for male teachers, 1st class, \$150; do., 2nd do., \$120; do., 3rd do., \$110. Female do., 1st do., \$110; do., 2nd do., \$90; and 3rd do. \$70. Assistant teachers, teaching in separate rooms not less than 4 hours per diem to receive half stipend. Payments half yearly—rateably according to time the teacher has satisfactorily taught. After 5 years, they shall receive, for male teachers, 1st class, \$110; 2nd do., \$80; 3rd do., \$60. Female do., 1st class, \$70; 2nd do., \$50; 3rd do., \$40; but with a premium added, for 1st rank, of \$40; 2nd do., 25; 3rd do., \$10. A tax equal to 30 cts. per head on the inhabitants of each county is added to the county rates and levied with them and held when collected by the Co. Treasurer, subject to the order of the Superintendent. Half this amount is apportioned by the latter semi-annually among the trustees of schools kept according to law,—\$20 to each teacher and the balance according to the number of pupils in attendance. Any other necessary sum, to be decided on in school meeting, shall be raised in each district—each male resident being liable to a poll tax of \$1, the remainder to be raised by assessment (according to the parish assessment list) on all the real and personal estate within the district and the income of residents. Persons may be exempted from the rate for poverty,