

Court of Chancery will appoint a trustee if none is named in his will; and the amount shall go to them free of the claims of the husband's estate or creditors, unless it is shown the arrangement was made in fraud of the creditors, when they may claim the amount of premiums paid. Married women may hold stock in Cos and vote upon it as if a *feme sole*, and may deposit money in banks and check it out; but creditors may claim deposits made in fraud. A husband is not liable for his wife's debts contracted before marriage, or contracted in respect to any business or industry carried on by her. She may sue and be proceeded against, in respect of her own property, business, torts &c., as if a single woman.

**APPRENTICES AND MINORS.**

*Cap. 17.*—A Mayor, Judge of the County Court, or Police Magistrate, may bind out (with their consent) minor children who are orphans, or have been deserted by their parents or guardians, or whose parents or guardians have been committed to goal, &c., or who are dependent on public charity for support. Nor shall they be removed from such apprenticeship without the order of the Judge or Court, who may refuse the parents, &c., the right of control.

**REGISTRATION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

*Cap. 18.*—Every person using a partnership name or style must deliver a declaration thereof to the Registrar, within 6 mos. of the passing of this Act, or of the first using it. In default such person forfeits \$100. The Registrar is to keep 2 indices, one of firms and one of individuals, to be furnished by the Treasurer of the municipality. The Registrar receives 10 cents for each search and 25 cents for each certificate.

**ACTIONS OF EJECTMENT.**

*Cap. 19.*—The claimant or defendant in these actions may demand a trial by jury, the former annexing notice to that effect to his issue book, the latter filing it with his appearance.

**LAW STAMPS IN JUDICIAL AND TERRITORIAL DISTRICTS.**

*Cap. 20.*—From 1st July last the laws requiring fees to be paid in stamps shall apply to all courts and all officers of courts in the Province, including any established or appointed in Muskoka, Parry Sound, Thunder Bay, or other territorial districts hereafter organized.

**SETTLERS IN FREE GRANT TOWNSHIPS.**

*Cap. 21.*—The L. G. in C. may remit or authorize the C. C. L. to remit to settlers in free grant townships (except Alice, Grattan, Wilberforce and Minden) any sums due as purchase money of their lands.

**COMMON SCHOOL LANDS.**

*Cap. 22.*—The L. G. in C. may reduce or authorize the C. C. L. to reduce the price of school lands sold before 1st July, 1867, whenever sold too high and not yet paid for, and make reasonable abatement in the interest accrued on the unpaid instalments; but this is not to affect the interest of Quebec in the proceeds of such lands. The reduction or abatement is made by returning a portion of the money

upon payment in full of arrears. It is only to be made after inspection of the lands, and to purchasers from the Crown or those claiming under them in occupation as settlers.

**RAILWAY FUND APPROPRIATION.**

*Cap. 23.*—All O. in C. made after the 7th Dec., 1871, for distribution of this fund, are to be published in the next number of the *Ontario Gazette*, and submitted as early as practicable to the Legislature for ratification or rejection.

**AID TO RAILWAYS.**

*Cap. 24.*—\$400,000 is added to the fund for this purpose. \$100,000 per an. is to be set apart to form a Railway Subsidy Fund to be apportioned in a similar manner to the "Railway Fund" under the Act of last session. The aid is not to be less than \$120 or more than \$240 per an. for 20 yrs., per mile of any railway assisted. This aid may be made the basis of scrip or certificates, after it is authorized and reported on by the C. of A. No railway assisted from the former fund shall receive assistance from this, nor shall any grant be made from this until that fund is exhausted.

**RAILWAY TRAFFIC.**

*Cap. 25.*—Provides for the procuring of additional space at stations, &c. for the accommodation of railway traffic than the law at present allows—this in a manner similar to that provided by the Parliament of Canada in previous session—(see *Year Book for 1872*, p. 128.)

**DRAINAGE.**

*Cap. 26.*—Re-enacts with slight amendments the drainage clauses of the Municipal Amendment Act of 1869—(see *Year Book for 1870*, p. 53). It also provides that any Municipality undertaking such work may submit its by-laws, &c., to the Comr. of Public Works and if, after examination, he approves the work, the L. G. in C. may invest any surplus of the C. R. F. in the debentures issued—not more than \$200,000 at any one time. Not more than 85 p. c. shall be advanced on them until the C. P. W. reports the work satisfactorily completed. No work is to be thus aided which will increase the rates over 3 cts. in the \$. The amt. due on the debentures is to be paid annually by the treasurer of the Municipality to the Provincial Treasurer with 7 p. c. on any arrears. In case of default in any year he council is compelled in the next to levy the necessary assessment on the whole municipality, irrespective of the parties benefited by drainage, and the amt. so due becomes the first charge on the moneys collected—after current expenses—and the Treasurer or other officer paying out moneys for other purposes becomes personally liable to the Crown. The Reeve and councillors become also personally liable for any neglect in the assessment, &c.

**FEES OF REGISTRARS.**

*Cap. 27.*—Provides a scale of remuneration for Registrars—  
 Out of \$2,500 fees collected he retains all.  
 Out of an additional \$500 90 p. c.  
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