

who passes a first class preliminary examination, may be admitted after 3 years service—being permitted to pass the 3rd and 4th examinations in the last year of clerkship.

INTERPLEADER.

Cap. 20.—Extends the powers of the judge to grant relief, under the Revised Statutes, c. 149, to cases in which the titles of claimants to money, goods or chattels, have not a common origin, but are adverse or independent.

PRACTICE OF SUPREME COURT.

Cap. 21.—Warrants of Attorney, *Cognovit*, and judgments entered thereon, are not null, because such warrant or *Cognovit* was not filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the County in which the person giving either resided, under Rev. Stat., c. 134, s. 248.

Cap. 22.—Only 5 judges need sit to form a court in banc., and 3 or more may form a court to deliver judgments in cases already heard, when others are unable to attend. Petit jurors hereafter summoned to attend the sittings of the court at Halifax, may try either criminal or civil causes—a second panel being drawn during the Court to serve during the latter part of it—the judges having the power to extend the sitting to 4 weeks if necessary. The dockets of July and December, 1872, were to be divided into 2 parts, to be heard by 3 Judges each—their decision, when unanimous, being valid—in case of division a re-hearing in banc. to be ordered.

SERVICE OF PROCESS.

Cap. 23.—Service of process may be made upon the agent of an absentee, with leave of the Court—time being granted him to communicate with his principal. In case no agent is found, service is made by publication in the *Royal Gazette*, or otherwise, as may be ordered by the Court. The Defendant may appear and plead at any time before judgment is signed. No execution shall issue on a judgment so obtained until Plff. has given security to refund the amount if it be reversed; and at any time within 3 yrs. Defdt. may, upon affidavit accounting for non-appearance and disclosing a good ground of defence, procure a re-hearing of the case. This Act is not to apply to proceedings for foreclosure of mortgage.

EXECUTORS, &c.

Cap. 21.—Any 2 judges of the supreme court may hear causes against executors, administrators, &c.

CORONERS.

Cap. 25.—Coroners charges are to be paid by the County or District Treasurer, on production of the certificate of the Clerk of the Crown, and an affidavit of the Coroner before a J. P.

EDUCATION.

Cap. 26.—The property of companies, firms &c. is to be taxed for the benefit of the school section in which it lies; if it is in none, for that in which the chief place of business of the Co. is. County rolls not affording the necessary information, are to

be referred back to the Assessors by the Clerk of the Peace, at the request of the Trustees. These provisions are not to apply to the town of Yarmouth. When the 3 nearest Comrs. do not agree respecting the site of a school house, it is to be referred to the Board for the County or District. If in a border section, to the County Inspector, subject to appeal to the Superintendent. Persons over 60, clergymen, widows and unmarried women, are taxable on all property over \$500. Provision is made for an educational journal to be furnished gratis to all Boards of Trustees for their own and teachers' use, and all inspectors and chairmen of Examiners and Comrs. No county may draw more than \$800 of grant to be applied to aid of poor sections, besides the Academy grant, when unused for Academy purposes.

AGRICULTURE.

Cap. 27.—Each county having a society or societies, may elect a member of the Board. All acts of the Board since April, 1871, are legalized.

Cap. 28.—The notice under the Rev. Stat., c. 72, s. 35, must be given to Comrs. of Sewers and Dyke Lands by one-third in interest of the proprietors or occupiers.

Cap. 29.—The Board of Agriculture (to be called, for the purposes of this Act, the Bureau of A.) may establish 1 or more farmers' clubs in each county. Any 15 persons may form one, keeping one copy of their rules, and sending another to the Secretary of the Bureau. Membership fee to be \$2 per an. They are to discuss various questions respecting the improvement of agriculture and horticulture, and consider papers from time to time submitted by the Bureau, and communicate results arrived at to the Bureau and to other clubs. They may offer also prizes for essays. The Bureau is annually to epitomize and publish the results. \$400 is granted in aid.

TRUSTEES OF LANDS GRANTED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES.

Cap. 30.—No new deed is required to vest a trustee, elected or appointed to fill a vacancy, in conformity with the trust deed, with the property granted, as fully as his co-trustees.

MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Cap. 31.—The L. G. appoints 5, and the Nova Scotia Medical Society 4 medical practitioners, of 7 yrs. standing, to form a Medical Board. The former to hold office for life, or good behaviour, but may be removed upon an address of three-fourths of Board—the latter for 3 years. Vacancies to be filled by the appointing power. In case of neglect for 3 mos. to do this, the Board itself may fill the vacancy by election. A Secretary is to be appointed, who is also Registrar, and keeps a register of all legal practitioners, and publishes a list of them once a year in the *Royal Gazette*, and otherwise, as directed by the Board. Students of medicine must be 16 years of age and pass a preliminary examination. Before a person can be registered, and take out his license to practice, he must (besides having passed such preliminary examination) study for 4 yrs.—one under a duly licensed practitioner—and attend courses of lectures amounting toge-