

laws may be published in one issued at the county town instead of that nearest to the municipality. The council may fix the salary of the police magistrate to be appointed in towns of less than 5000 inhabitants by the resolution affirming the expediency of his appointment. In towns having a police magistrate, the council may appoint a board of Police Commissioners or act as such themselves. In cities there must be such a board, consisting of the Magistrate, the Mayor, and County Judge. Councils may grant bonuses to road or bridge cos. Inspectors may be appointed and paid to enforce by-laws for the extirpation of Canada thistles and other noxious weeds. The jurisdiction of the county council is limited to such roads and bridges in any town or village as, with the consent of the local council, have been assumed as county works, and those whose peculiar location—whether in town, village, or township makes them so. The county is to build substantially any bridge over a stream of 100 feet wide or upwards in a village, necessary to connect a county highway. The provisions of ss. 472, 473 & 476 of 35 V., c. 43, allowing portions of municipalities to grant aid to railways are repealed.

PROVISIONAL DISTRICTS.

Chap. 17—An appeal is given from the settlement of the assessment by the Municipal Council to the Stipendiary Magistrate giving him like power as the county judge elsewhere, and the proceedings before him are similar. The municipal year is to commence on 1st January hereafter. The meeting for election of reeve and councillors to take place on the last Monday in December—the clerk to preside as returning officer. The present councils to hold office till 1st January, 1875. MacTavish and Sibley and all parts of Shuniah south of them are detached from that township.

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE

Chap. 18—Provides for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for Clifton, to be ex officio J. P. for Lincoln and Welland, and leave the jurisdiction of 2 J. P., but need only act in Clifton and township of Stamford. Constables may also be appointed by the L. G. to act there. The Magistrate may, as a penalty in addition to others, revoke or suspend licences issued by municipal officers in Clifton and Stamford. An appeal lies to the county judge sitting without a jury. The rents of the land along the shore of the river are to be applied to the support of the magistrate and constables.

ASSESSMENTS.

Chap. 19—Amends the assessment law. The real estate of non-residents is to be taxed in all respects like that of residents. And so with personal property held by agent or trustee for non-resident owner, which may be assessed in such agent's or trustee's name. Shares in banks are not liable for assessment but dividends of residents are. If a non-resident owner has not asked to be put on the assessment roll and the land is occupied, the occupier may be assessed as if the owner. If unoccupied it is assessed as belonging to a non-resident, and if the owner is not known that is entered in list. Official salaries are taxable in the place where official duties are performed. The assessors

must begin their rolls not later than the 15th February, complete them by 30th April and deliver them to clerk on 1st May. An oath is provided for members of court of revision. The penalty of \$20 imposed on a witness failing to attend such court may be recovered by the informer in the division court, or in the way other municipal penalties are made recoverable. The first sitting cannot be held till ten days after an appeal lodged, and notice thereof given. Revision must be finished by 1st July. Notices to the clerk must be given in 14 days after the return of the roll. The court may adjourn from time to time when services of notice have not been made by the clerk or his assistants in time for the first day. Appeals to be entered in the order of reception. Unless oath is tendered or required by a party or the court deem it necessary the assessors or parties need not be sworn. An appeal to the county judge lies for neglect of court of revision to hear an appeal from assessors as for any alleged defect in the decision. Notices must be lodged with the municipal clerk within 5 days after 1st July. He puts up notices of appeal in his office and acts as clerk of the court. The judge notifies him of the days he will sit, and he notifies the parties, &c. All appeals must be determined before 1st August. Costs are to be as in division court cases, and may be collected on execution from that or county court, 60 p. c. of the valuation in towns and villages is to be taken as the basis for commencing the equalization with other municipalities. The appeal to the judge from the county council's equalization lies as well for its refusal to increase or decrease as for increasing or decreasing any valuation.

MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE.

Chap. 20—The majority of owners who may petition for a drainage by-law may be made up of non-residents as well as residents. When the means afforded by a by-law prove insufficient to pay debentures, &c, it may be amended after construction of the work. Debentures are not invalid though not made in the precise terms of the by-law if ams. are right. Investments by the L. G. in C. in debentures authorized by by-laws under the Municipal Act are good as if under municipal Drainage Act, 1873. He may advance the whole amt. instead of 85 p. c. Proceedings heretofore under ss. 1 to 18 & ss. 24 & 28 of latter Act, may now be taken under the Municipal Institutions Act.

FREE GRANTS.

Chap. 21—The Comr of A. may make improvements under 34 V. c. 5, in more than 1 township if the Govt. see fit.

Chap. 22—The L. G. in C. may remit (or authorize the C. C. L. to do so), the sums due to the crown by *bona fide* settlers still in occupation of their lands in Alice, Gratan, Wilberforce and Minden placing them in the same position as free grant settlers.

SALE OF PINE TREES.

Chap. 23—Confirms O. in C. of 4 Oct., 1871, authorizing Free Grant Settlers in Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts before 30 Sept., 1871, to sell pine timber and declares sales under it legal.

JOINT STOCK ROAD COS.

Chap. 24—Amends the laws on this subject.