

who have registered it, and throws the burden of proof on the person in possession that he came himself by it. Any constable or peace officer having reason to suspect a lumber is detained in any saw mill, yard, barn or raft without the consent of the owner, is authorized to search the same and ascertain.

### GAMING HOUSES.

*Chap. 41.*—On the report of the Chief Constable, or person acting as such, in any city or town, the Police Commissioners, Mayor, or Police Magistrate, may, by order in writing, authorize such person to enter any place by force which he suspects to be a gaming-house, and search the same, and arrest persons found therein, and seize the tables and instruments of gaming, and moneys and securities there. Cards, dice, balls, counters, tables, or other instruments of gaming used in playing unlawful games, found in such place, are evidence, until the contrary is shown, that the place is a gaming-house, and these may be destroyed by order of the magistrate, &c. Persons who obstruct the entry of the officers into such place are liable to a penalty of \$10, or six months' hard labour. If a place be found fitted with bolts or other obstructions to hinder the entrance of the officers, or means of giving the alarm to enable people present to retire, or for secreting instruments of gaming, this is *prima facie* evidence that it is a gaming-house. The mayor, magistrate, &c., may compel any of the persons arrested in such house to give evidence, or be imprisoned for contempt, &c.; and if they make a full disclosure they are freed, upon certificate to that effect, from all penalties.

### CRUELTY TO ANIMALS IN TRANSIT

*Chap. 42.*—Horses, cattle, swine, &c., in any cars or vessel in transit, may not be confined therein for more than 24 hours in succession without being unladen for rest, water, and feed for five hours, unless in case of emergency, and this whether the journey was begun in the United States or Canada. During such rest they are to be properly fed and watered by the owner or person in charge, or, he failing, by the R. R. Co., at his expense, the Co. having a lien on the cattle, &c., for the expense. The Co. must at the same time clean the cars, and litter with sawdust or sand, except during frost. When proper space and opportunity for rest and food and water are given in the car or vessel, the cattle, &c., need not be unladen. Any R. R. Co., or owner or master of a vessel failing to comply with the law, is liable to a penalty of \$100 for each offence. Any constable or peace officer having reason to suspect a violation of the law, may enter upon any premises, vehicle, or vessel to ascertain, and any person hindering him in such examination is liable to a penalty of \$5 to \$10, with costs, or imprisonment in default for 30 days. These penalties not to exclude actions for damages. Prosecutions must be commenced within one month, and may be heard before J. P. under 32, 33 V., c. 31—penalties to belong to the Crown.

### JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

*Chap. 43.*—The right of the judge to sentence offenders of 16 years or under to the reformatory prison is given in all cases un-

less the sentence be for 5 yrs. or over, when he must go to the penitentiary, and no sentence to the reformatory may be for less than 2 yrs.

### PENITENTIARIES.

*Chap. 44.*—Substitutes a new for the old penitentiaries Acts. The principal changes are the placing of under the control of the Minister of Justice, and replacing the old board of Directors by a single Inspector, who is an officer of the Department of Justice with a salary of \$2000 per an. besides traveling expenses. He must inspect the institutions under his charge twice a year, and oftener if required by the Minister, to whom he must report monthly, and must audit the accounts monthly. He is made a J. P. throughout the Dominion. He makes rules and regulations for the Penitentiaries subject to the C. in C. He makes an annual report to the Minister before the 1st February in each year. Whenever he finds any defects or mismanagement he is to report on them to the Minister forthwith. The rules for the labour of convicts are enacted. They are to be kept (unless incapacitated) at hard labour, of a kind determined by the Warden, 10 hours each day except Sundays, Good Fridays, and Christmas Day, and days proclaimed, or designated by the Inspector, the Roman Catholics being also exempt upon festival days of obligation. If of exemplary conduct, they may be permitted to work over hours at rates fixed by the Inspector, the amount so earned being paid to their family if they desire it, or retained to be paid to them on their discharge. They may be employed at work under the control of the government or for the benefit of persons contracting for it.

### SPEEDY TRIALS.

*Chap. 45.*—In cases where a person is tried with his own consent by a judge without a jury, any question of law may, in Ontario, be reserved for the decision of the judges of one of the Superior Courts as heretofore. Trials of this kind may be held although the court and grand jury are sitting. If one of 3 or more prisoners elects to be tried summarily, but one or more demand a jury trial, all may be sent before the court, as if the act for speedy trials were not in force.

### CENTRAL PRISON.

*Chap. 46.*—A prisoner sentenced to imprisonment in the central prison may be detained in the common goal till a central prison bailiff or other authorized person come to demand him. If the goal physician certify he is too weak for hard labour he may be so detained till he is fit, and the time of such detention in either case shall be reckoned as part of his sentence.

### SPEEDY TRIALS IN ONTARIO.

*Chap. 47.*—Persons charged before a police or stipendiary magistrate in Ontario with an offence triable before the Quarter Sessions may, with their consent be summarily tried before the magistrate. Proceedings are to be as before county judge, &c., under 32—33 V., c. 32. Convictions are not to be quashed for want of form, or the warrant of commitment be void, if it be therein stated that the offender is convicted and there have been a good conviction. A