

In one place and partly in another as may be ordered by the Court. A copy is to be left with the Atty. Gen. after the fiat is ob- ed. No preliminary investigation is re- quired, but the statement of defence or demurrer, or both, must be filed on behalf of the Crown, or other parties interested, within four weeks after service, unless time is enlarged by Court or Judge. The provisions of the Supreme and Ex- chequer Court Act are made applicable to all proceedings under this Act. The Judges of the Supreme Court are to make Rules of Practice, to be laid before Parlia- ment at the next Session, and the G. G., by proclamation in the *Canada Gazette*, or either House of Parliament, may sus- pend any such rule. The Act is not only not to prejudice Her Majesty's prerogatives, or prevent the suppliant proceeding as before passing of this Act, or take away the legal right of a head of Department to refer a case to arbitration, but is to grant no larger remedy against the Crown than that given in England under the similar Act there. Petitions presented under the previous Act are to be held as presented under this, 30 days after it is passed, and so be entitled in the Exchequer Court.

JUDGES OF ERROR AND APPEAL, ONTARIO.

Chap. 35—Extends the provisions of 31 V., c. 33, s. 1, respecting the pensioning of Judges to the Judges of the Court of Error and Appeal, Ontario.

COUNTY COURT JUDGES, NOVA SCOTIA.

Chap. 29—The County Court Judges in N. S. are to receive \$2,000 per annum (the Judge for Halifax County receiving \$2,400), with travelling allowances not ex- ceeding \$300 per annum. The salary of all to be \$2,400 after three years service. Retiring allowances to be the same as those of other Judges.

INSOLVENT ACT.

Chap. 30—Amends the Insolvent Act. Notices may be published in other papers where *Official Gazette* is not issued with sufficient frequency, in opinion of Judge.

One insertion of the notice for call of meeting of creditors in the *Official Gazette* is sufficient, but one in a local paper is also necessary. Assignments by the insolvent are to be made after ordinary demand of creditor, and petition on sufficient ar- duities, not after issue of writ of attachment. Witnesses summoned under the 20th Section are to answer under oath. The securities to be given by assignees are to be deposited with the Judge and kept as records of Court, subject to right of use by parties suing upon them. They are subject to inspection by creditors, and if thought insufficient, additional security may be asked for and granted. If an estate be sold *en bloc*, the special notice for sale of real estate need not be given. The records of official assignees are property of Her Majesty, to be deposited with and kept by Courts. The creditors may add to the remuneration of the assignee provided for under s. 43. If there are less than five creditors they may order the as- signee to call a meeting. Certificates

may be confirmed by a Judge as well as the Court. Claims on paper endorsed by insolvent, and the like, if unpaid at ma- turity, may be renewed as unsecured for the full amount. Appeals in Ontario must go to the Court of Error and Appeal, or a Judge of that Court. Creditors of an incorporated company may be represent- ed by proxy at a meeting. Assignees must send returns of their transactions to 30th Sept. to the M. of A., &c., before the end of October in each year. Forms ap- proved by G. H. C. to be published in *Canada Gazette*. Neglect or false returns punishable by fine of \$50 and costs, re- coverable in Provincial or Exchequer Court. Statistics so collected are to be ab- stracted and published.

INSOLVENT BANKS.

Chap. 31—Provides for the winding up of the affairs of insolvent banks. The Insolvent Act is to apply with the modi- fications provided by s. 147, applying to other incorporated companies; but not proceedings may be taken till a bank has suspended payment for 90 days—under 34 V. c. 5. The Judge may even then suspend proceedings for six months. The pre- liminary enquiry under s. 147 of the In- solvent Act may be ordered to be made by a person not an official assignee, and the time for his report may be extended 99 days. But this does not authorize the carrying on of business by the insolvent bank. Another bank may be appointed receiver or assignee to act through one or more of its officers approved by the Judge. The receiver before, and assignee after, the issue of the writ of attachment shall have the powers granted under the ss. 57, 58 and 59 of the Banking Act. Notices are to be given in the *Canada Gazette* and 1 newspaper in the neighborhood. For dividends on the amount of bank notes in circulation, for which claims are not filed, moneys are to be retained for 2 years, or till subsequent declaration of final dividend. Assignment may not be made by a bank without an order of the Court or Judge. Appeals may be had from any order, judgment or decision.

RAILWAY ACT, 1868.

Chap. 32—Amends the Railway Act of 1868 by providing that the place of the third arbitrator, if rendered vacant, shall be filled by appointment—as in case the two originally selected failing to agree on a third.

INSPECTION OF STAPLES.

Chap. 33—The inspection of fish and fish oil is only compulsory when removed from the district in which they are pack- ed. Boxes of smoked herrings must con- tain 20 lbs. of fish, and half boxes must be 23 inches long, 4 in. deep and 8 in. wide, and contain 10 lbs. A barrel of pickled codfish must contain 200 lbs., and a half barrel 100 lbs. Raw hides weighing less than 8 lbs. need not be inspected.

BOARDS OF TRADE.

Chap. 34—Boards of Trade may be form- ed for counties and judicial districts as well as for villages, towns and cities. The