

and with the use of all reasonable precautions against its spreading into the adjoining forest in the case of clearing land. In the other cases named a locality most free of vegetable matter, dead wood, branches, brushwood, dry leaves or resinous trees is to be selected. All these things are to be removed for a distance of 10 feet around the fire. Every precaution is to be used to prevent the fire from spreading and it must be carefully extinguished before the parties leave the place. Any person throwing down a lighted match, or cigar, pipe ashes or other burning substance or discharging fire arms and not extinguishing any fire caused thereby is liable to the penalties of the Act. Any person in charge of a survey or exploring party, or drive of timber or any work requiring camping parties, is to take with him a copy of this Act and read and explain it to his employees at least once a week. Locomotives on railways running through such districts must be provided with the most approved means of preventing the escape of fire from the furnace or ash-pan, and of sparks from the smoke stack; and it is the duty of the engine-drivers to see that these appliances are properly used. Any person violating the Act is liable to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment in default for 3 mos. and a railway Co. using a locomotive not provided as above to one of \$100. Suits to be commenced within 3 mos. Penalties go one-half to complainant and the other to the Crown. It is the special duty of Crown Land Agents, Woods and Forest Agents, Free Grant Agents and Bush Rangers to enforce the Act. Civil actions for damages are not interfered with by this Act.

CONVICT LABOUR.

Chap. 24.—The L. G. in C. may authorize the employment outside of the limits of a common gaol of any prisoner who has been a second time convicted of a crime each of law or by-law of a municipality and sentenced to hard labour. He is to labour under strict supervision and is liable to the laws respecting escapes and the rules and regulations of the gaol so far as applicable. The roads by which he goes to and from his work, and the place of employment are to be considered as part of the gaol. His earnings are to be divided between the Prov. Government and the municipality in the proportion in which they contribute to the maintenance of the gaol.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ACT.

Chap. 25.—Applies the Religious Institutions Act to the Church of England. But land may not be sold, leased or encumbered without the consent of the Bishop, of the congregation as represented by the vestry, and of the executive committee of the Diocesan Synod.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

Chap. 26.—Authorizes the corporation of the TOWN OF BRAMPTON to construct and maintain Waterworks through the agency of three Commissioners, who shall be a body corporate under the name of "The Water Commissioners for the Town of Brampton." The money re-

quired for making and completing said works shall be raised by the corporation by rate or loan as deemed expedient,—by-laws for the purpose being submitted to electors. With assent of the electors the corporation may construct the works itself, or give authority to a Co. to do so.

Chap. 27.—Amends "An Act for the construction of WATERWORKS for LONDON" 38 V., c. 102, by extending powers of Commissioners.

Chap. 28.—Authorizes the corporation of OWEN SOUND through the agency of three to five Commissioners to construct and maintain Water-works in said Town. The Commissioners to be a body corporate. The corporation for the purposes of the said water-works have power to issue debentures to amount of \$10,000, in sums of not less than \$100 each, payable within thirty years, interest at 7 p. c. payable half yearly. Same power to construct, itself or by Co. as in c. 26.

Chap. 29.—Powers to erect and maintain DAMS across BLACK CREEK and its branches, are granted to Hugo B. Rathbun and Edward W. Rathbun, upon lot 16, 1st con. and lot 28 in the 3rd con. of Elzevir, and upon lot 31 in the 3rd, and lots 15 and 16 in the 5th concessions of Grimsborpe, for the purpose of assisting to float logs and lumber down. Each Dam to be provided with a proper timber slide. Owners of lands flooded by said Dams to be compensated for any injury done by flooding their lands.

Chap. 30.—Authorizes the corporation of BROCKVILLE to issue 20 years' 6 p. c. debentures to amount of \$25,000. Corporation may raise by way of loan upon the credit of said debentures a sum not to exceed \$25,000, which is to be applied exclusively to the payment of outstanding liabilities.

Chap. 31.—Authorizes the County Council of BRUCE to pass a by-law to assume the whole or such portions of the unpaid debts of the Townships of Kinloss, Huron and Kincardine, and the Town of Kincardine, created to aid the South branch of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Ry; and such portion of the Railway debt of the Township of Culross and Village of Teeswater, created to aid the Toronto Grey and Bruce Ry. as said Council by said by-law may determine.

Chap. 32.—Confirms survey of front angles of side road allowances intersecting concession lines of CALEDON, in Peel, by Charles James Wheelock, P.L.S., as represented by a plan filed in the office of the C. C. L., and in the Registry Office of the County of Peel, on the 16th January, 1877.

Chap. 33.—Confirms By-laws passed by the corporation of FRONTENAC authorizing the issue of debentures, numbered respectively 82, 100, 122, 141 and 148 and declares them legal valid and binding; consolidates the debt of the said county at \$262,400, and authorizes its municipal council to issue 6 p. c. debentures to that amount, funds to be derived therefrom to be applied in payment of said debt.