

munity. If premiums are paid when insured is insolvent, in fraud of creditors, they may recover the amount so paid, reducing the insurance moneys to be paid to the parties named. Rights under previous laws are not to be interfered with; nor does this Act apply to insurances made in favour of or transferred to a wife under her marriage contract.

#### LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTS.

*Chap. 14.*—Amends the several Acts incorporating the CITY OF QUEBEC and authorizes the corporation, for the purpose of meeting its floating and other debts, to issue bonds for not less than \$100

each for \$500,000 in all, payable in 30 years at 6 p.c. interest. In the Act respecting the Recorder and those sitting in his place, a member of the Council should be read for councillor, to include aldermen as well. It shall be optional with the Council to appoint 2 auditors as provided by 29 V. c. 57. s. 26, or to name a permanent paid auditor.

*Chap. 15.*—Amends the Act incorporating the LAKE CHAMPLAIN and ST. LAWRENCE JUNCTION RAILWAY Co. by extending the date of the completion of the Railway to 23rd Dec. 1881. The present Act and the Acts 35 V., c. 31; 36 V., c. 45; 39 V., c. 54, and 40 V., c. 32, are to be read as forming one and the same Act.

### PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

(Legislature opened 21st February, and prorogued 4th April, 1878.)

#### LIQUOR LICENSES.

*Chap. 1.*—The signatures of ratepayers to a petition for license must be attested by the oath of 1 or more witnesses. Each separate sale illegally made within 6 mos. before the summons, constitutes a separate offence; but only one conviction may be had under a summons.

#### ELECTIONS.

*Chap. 2.*—The sheriffs are to sub-divide polling districts containing more than 300 electors, so that there shall be a district for each 200, and he may grant an additional district for a less number, if, by remoteness of any body of voters, it is expedient. He fixes a polling station in each, and furnishes the clerk of the peace with the boundaries, &c. The clerk furnishes them to the assessors, and they and the revisors enter the number of his polling place opposite each voter's name in their lists. Parts of 2 or more districts may be included in one new sub division. The City Clerk, Halifax, acts there instead of the clerk of the peace. The sub-divisions for House of Commons elections are to be followed when made.

#### SHERIFF'S SALES.

*Chap. 3.*—Provides that where a party has purchased property at Sheriff's sale and has been unable to obtain possession, he may take a rule nisi from the Court, after notice to the judgment debtor and party in possession, for a writ of possession. After hearing by affidavit or viva voce, the writ may issue and the sheriff execute it and put the purchaser in possession.

#### JURIES IN CIVIL CAUSES.

*Chap. 4.*—In Halifax, in all actions of libel, slander, criminal conversation, seduction, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, before the Supr. me Court

all issues heretofore triable by jury, will continue to be so tried unless the parties or counsel waive such trial. In other civil causes, the trial will be had without jury unless one of the parties, with his last pleading, demands one, giving notice to the other party. But at trial, after such notice, the parties may still waive the right, and consent being entered on the record, the judge proceeds alone: and the judge may, in his discretion, direct a trial by jury or without. This is not to affect cases in Equity.

#### SUPREME COURT AT TRURO AND AMHERST.

*Chap. 5.*—Provided for continuing the sittings at Truro till all business was concluded in June 1878, and making Amherst a separate circuit.

*Chap. 6.*—Provided for an extra panel of petit jurors, if needed for the June term at Truro.

#### SUPREME COURT OF KENTVILLE.

*Chap. 7.*—Provided that the October sittings (1878) at Kentville, should continue till all business was ended.

#### DEBTORS IMPRISONED.

*Chap. 8.*—The relief granted by Chap. 137 of Rev. Stat. 3rd series, is extended to debtors imprisoned under process of the County Courts. When a debtor has not applied for relief under the Act, and has not been relieved by operation of the Insolvency Act, the creditor alleging against him fraud, under section 10, may bring him before the Court, and upon proof of the fact, procure his remand for a year. Previous proceedings for relief of debtors in the County Courts are declared to be valid.

#### COUNTY COURTS.

*Chap. 9.*—A County Court judge may hold chambers at any convenient place in the