

ernment of Manitoba for the employment of any portion of the force there.

ALIENS AND NATURALIZATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA.

Cap. 36—The Act 31 V., c. 66 and 34 V., c. 22 are extended to British Columbia and Manitoba, the inferior courts of like name or jurisdiction as in the other Provinces, and the Supreme Court, in the former, and Queen's Bench in the latter, being given jurisdiction. But Aliens' Ordinance, 1867, of B.C. is continued there until 1st July, 1874.

FREE GRANTS—MANITOBA.

Cap. 37—Free grants not exceeding 140 acres each, or 49,000 acres in the aggregate may be made to the original Red River settlers, who came in with Lord Selkirk between 1813 and 1835, or their children—not being half breeds, who are already provided for.

Cap. 38—The children to share in the half breed grants under 33 V., c. 3, s. 31, include all of mixed blood partly white and partly Indian—not heads of families; and such proceedings under O. in C. confirmed by s. 108 of the Dominion Lands Act are to be held valid as do not conflict with that section as here explained. The L. G. may appoint some person to draw and initial the allotment tickets instead of doing it himself.

CUSTOMS—MANITOBA AND N. W. TERRITORIES.

Cap. 39—The present Customs Duties are continued until 12th May, 1874; except the duties on strong liquors, wine, &c., which shall be assimilated to those in the other Provinces from 12th May, 1873. The importation of spirituous liquors of any kind into the N. W. Territories is prohibited, under like penalty and forfeiture as for other prohibited goods; nor shall they be manufactured or taken there from elsewhere in Canada without special license of the L. G. on penalty of forfeiture and destruction and fine of \$50 to \$100.

P. E. ISLAND.

Cap. 40—Extends to P. E. Island from the day of its admission into the Union the Acts of the Parliament of Canada relating to the subjects respecting which it may properly legislate under the B. N. A. Act, in so far as they apply to the whole Dominion and not to separate Provinces, and are not inconsistent with the O. in C. admitting that Province. The G. in C. may relax and modify any provisions of the Customs or Excise Laws, except the rate of duties. Goods imported from abroad into P. E. Island before Union, on which a higher rate of duty was payable in Canada than there, must pay the increased duty when brought into another Province, and so with the produce of P. E. Island subject to excise. O. in C., contracts or agreements made before Union to take effect after are valid.

TIMBER DUTIES—NEW BRUNSWICK.

Cap. 41—Grants to New Brunswick a subsidy of \$150,000 per annum on condition of the repeal of its Export Duties on Timber in compliance with the Treaty of Washington.

INSOLVENT ACT.

Cap. 42—Continues until 1st January, 1874, and the end of the next Session the Insolvent Act, 1869. The provisions thereof extended to Manitoba by 34 V., c. 13, continue applicable for the same period, and are to be enforced by the Court of Queen's Bench and its judges.

BANK RETURNS.

Cap. 43—Changes the form of return to be made by the Banks, requiring more minute details.

PATENTS OF INVENTION.

Cap. 44—Amends the Patent Act of 1872. The rules need not be published in the *Canada Gazette*. A patent may issue to any legal representative of a deceased inventor. Inventors abroad may take the required oath before the judge of any Court of Record, a J. P. or Mayor, or Chief Magistrate of any city, town or borough. The duplicate specifications and drawing may be dispensed with and copies thereof, in print or otherwise, be attached to the patent and form an essential part of it.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY GAUGE.

Cap. 45—Authorizes the change of gauge of the Intercolonial and other Government railways to 4 ft. 8½ in., or the laying of a third rail.

MILITIA.

Cap. 46—Amends the provisions of the Militia Act respecting the calling out of the force to suppress riots. It may be called out as well when rioting is anticipated as when it is begun, by the chairman of Sessions or Custos, or by 3 magistrates—the Mayor, Warden or chief municipal officer being one. Power may be delegated by the G. G. to an officer to approve and confirm decisions of a Court Martial and mitigate or remit its sentence.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Cap. 47—Makes new provision for uniformity of weights and measures throughout the Dominion from 1st January, 1874. (*See separate article elsewhere.*)

GAS AND GAS METERS.

Cap. 48—Makes provision for the inspection of Gas and Gas Meters. In all places where gas is made for sale the G. in C. may appoint one or more Inspectors, who shall have charge of the apparatus and shall inspect Gas or Meters when called upon by the maker or consumer. The standard measure is to be the cubic foot weighing 62.321 lbs. avoirdupois of distilled water weighed in air, ther. 62° Fahr., bar. 30 in. The standard quality is to be equal to 14 sperm candles when used with a standard burner consuming 5 cubic feet per hour (except in Ontario where it shall be 12 sperm candles) and free from sulphuretted hydrogen. Models of gas-holders and apparatus for testing gas are to be made forthwith under direction of the M. I. R. or procured, and being duly verified shall be deposited in his Dept. Copies shall be furnished to Inspectors. These are to be re-verified at