

years of age, instead of 16, as per 31 V., c. 2, ss. 24 and 31. The regulation respecting selling liquors in mining districts in 31 V., c. 21, ss. 7 and 8, only comes into force when proclaimed by the L. G. in C.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Cap. 4—The disqualification for a seat in either House is extended to employment of a temporary nature, but is limited to persons deriving their emolument from the Province.

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Cap. 5—The trial of controverted elections is to be held before the Judges of the Superior Court in their several districts, the Election Courts to consist of 3 of them, sitting at Montreal, and 3 sitting at Quebec. Petitions complaining of an undue election or no return, or of facts in a special return, signed by all the petitioners, may be presented by any voter or person claiming a right to the seat within 15 days after election day or the day of polling, or within 8 days of any subsequent act of bribery, by doing the same with the prothonotary of the district. Security for costs amounting to \$800 must be given, by bond of petitioner, and not more than 4 sureties or the deposit of the money. Notice of the recognizance to be given to other party in 5 days, and he may file objections in 5 days. Defect in the recognizance may be cured by deposit 5 days after objection allowed. After the evidence on both sides has been taken the record is remitted to Montreal for Counties in the Judicial Districts of Montreal, Ottawa, Ferreboune, Joliette, Richelieu, St. Francis, Bedford, St. Hyacinthe, Iberville and Beauharnois, and to Quebec for all other Counties. Hearing by the Court is to be fixed within 10 days after receipt of record. Procedure similar to that in Ontario and under the Dominion Act. The resident Judges of the S. C. in Montreal and Quebec are to make rules of practice.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Cap. 6—The estimates are to be made up in two columns, like those of the Dominion, shewing the appropriations already made by statute, the other the amount to be voted for service of the year. Any expended balances of sums voted specially for Protestant or R. C. educational purposes must be deposited at interest, a statement of amounts, &c., being given annually in the public accounts. Until distributed these moneys may be paid out on O. in C.

AGRICULTURE AND ARTS, &c.

Cap. 7—The BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES is abolished, and the COUNCIL OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES established in its stead, with similar duties and powers. The moneys and property of the Board to be transferred. It is to consist of 17 members appointed by the L. G. in C., with the Commissioner of Agriculture, &c., and the Minister of Public Instruction, members *ex officio*. It is made a corporation with power to hold real estate worth \$40,000, besides that in use by it. The Board are to serve gratuitously, receiving only expenses. Seven are a quorum. Provision is made for devoting funds of Council of Agriculture

to agricultural instruction. It may give prizes for crops, farms and ploughing matches in parishes. Agricultural Societies may not spend more than \$25 per annum on refreshments, the Directors being liable for all beyond that sum, and the Commissioner authorized to suspend or reduce the grant of a Society spending more. Fifteen days' notice to be given of the December meeting.

CROWN LANDS.

Cap. 8—Amends the Act 32 V., c. 11, as respects the powers and duties of the Assistant Commissioner so as to accord with the practice, and concerning acts done heretofore by the Assistant Commissioner in conformity therewith. In his absence or illness the Commissioner appoints an officer to fill his place, giving notice thereof in writing to the clerks, &c., of the Department. The Jesuits' estates, Crown Domain and Lauzon Seigniorie are declared to be under the jurisdiction of the Department. The revocation of grant for causes set forth in 32 V., c. 11, s. 20, operate a complete forfeiture of moneys paid, improvements made, &c., notwithstanding any length of occupation, though the Commissioner may grant compensation or indemnity; and the right is not subject to art. 1537 C. C. But this is not to affect pending suits or judgments rendered; 32 V., c. 11 repealed all previous Acts affecting the sale and administration of public lands. Grants may be made in any Township under s. 14 for a cemetery as well as church or chapel, but not more than 50 acres for all to one denomination where there is but one to claim it, or 100 divided among them where there are more. When a location ticket is cancelled 60 days notice must be given in the *Official Gazette*, and at the nearest church door, during which time the land cannot be disposed of, and the locatee may appeal to the L. G. in C.

TIMBER LIMITS, &c.

Cap. 9—Sales of Timber limits are to be made annually, by auction, after 60 days' notice. *Bona fide* purchasers of land not exceeding 200 acres not included in any timber license, having paid 2 instalments and resided thereon for 6 months, may obtain the right to cut all standing timber. Timber dues paid shall be credited to the price of the lots. If a lot so sold is comprised within a timber limit the holder is to have a preferential right to purchase the timber cut. Timber seized because unlawfully cut within 10 miles of international boundary may be summarily sold without the notice given in other cases. Lots for sugaries may be sold at 30cts. to \$1 per acre, not subject to ordinary settlement duties. The Comr. or agent may inspect the books of a licensee to ascertain the quantity of lumber sawn from timber cut on his limits. Licensees may haul timber and provisions over any lands within their limits, in winter, paying any damages done.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Cap. 10—This court is hereafter to consist of a chief justice and 25 judges, 6 to reside at Montreal, 4 in Quebec, 1 in Three Rivers, 1 in Aylmer, 1 in the County of Bonaventure, 1 in the County of Gaspé and 1 in each of the districts of Arthabaska, Beauharnois, Bedford, Iberville, Joliette, Kamouraska,