

with the L. G. of Ontario, the latter is communicated with by the S. of S., and acts as for a convict from his own Province. In case no order be given by the L. G. within 2 mos., the S. of S., on recommendation of the M. of J., may order the convict's removal to the Penitentiary or a common gaol in the province from which he was sentenced, to be thereafter dealt with by the L. G. In cases of doubt respecting the convict's sanity, the M. of J. may order an investigation by one or more medical men with the Penitentiary surgeon. Rockwood Asylum is a place of safekeeping within the meaning of the Act.

The Inspector of Penitentiaries is to report after each inspection,—not monthly. He is also to make his final audit of accounts at each circuit of inspection, not monthly. His annual report is to be made up to 1st October, not 1st February, and is to be for the preceding fiscal year. School time as well as meal time is excepted from the hours for convict labour.

PRISON DISCIPLINE.

Chap. 39—After the L. G. for Ontario in C. has made the necessary regulations with respect to the Central Prison, and they have been found sufficient by the G. in C., the latter may, by proclamation published in the *Canada Gazette*, declare this law in force in that province. Thereafter judges may add one-sixth to maximum sentences to be served in the Central Prison and order imprisonment therein for terms not exceeding 2 yrs. and 4 mos., and during such imprisonment prisoners may earn partial remissions of their sentences by good conduct, as in the Penitentiary. He may forfeit a part or whole of remissions earned for breach of the laws or prison regulations. The Act may in like manner be applied to any other province, the Govt. of which provides a fitting gaol and makes the necessary regulations therefor.

MILITIA CALLED OUT IN AID OF CIVIL POWER.

Chap. 40—Militiamen called out in aid of the civil power shall receive, besides pay, reasonable transport from their places of abode to the place where their services are required, and return, from the municipality requiring their aid. In case of a riot or disturbance at a place through which a railway passes carrying H. M. mails, whereby they are impeded, the G. in C. may pay or re-imburse a reasonable share of the expense.

INSOLVENCY.

Chap. 41—Amends the Insolvent Act. The notice of the receipt of a writ of attachment by an Assignee shall be by advertisement, once in the *Official Gazette* and once in a local paper. The insolvent is to furnish his statement of liabilities within 7 days after assignment, service of writ, or judgment dismissing contestation. The copy of deed of assignment may be certified, in Quebec, by N. P. The first meeting of the creditors must be held within 21 days of issue of notice. The first notice of it in the *Official Gazette* need only be 10 days before meeting. If the Assignee neglect to call the meeting, the Judge, on application, may order it,—the

Assignee paying costs caused by his neglect. If there be holders of unsecured claims amounting to one third of insolvents liabilities, resident at too great a distance to be able to send them in time, the judge may order a week's adjournment, and the Assignee is to give notice by post to the creditors. Notice of meetings, &c., sent by mail are to be prepaid and registered. A list of creditors and amt. of claims is to be sent with notice. The Assignee is only chairman of creditors' meetings when they do not elect another. A surety for an Official Assignee may withdraw after giving 3 mos. notice to his principal and the S. of S. Assignee must put in a new surety within a mo. after such notice, unless the S. of S. extends the time, which he may do to the limit of the 3 mos. Notice of the appointment of Assignee must be inserted in the *Official Gazette*. A person may not act as atty. or agent of a creditor when the question of his own appointment as Assignee arises; nor may his partner or employee act in any case where he cannot; nor being Assignee, may he employ his partner, or the inspector of the estate, as counsel, advocate, attorney, &c., to represent him in matters relating to the estate. Assignees or Inspectors may not purchase any part of the estate or any claim against it; nor may the Inspector employ his partner or the partner of another Inspector, or of the Assignee, as his counsel, &c. The remuneration of the Official Assignee, when replaced by another, may be fixed by the creditors at the first meeting, or by the Inspectors within a week thereafter, subject to revision by the court or judge, or their adjustment in default of the others. The Assignee forfeits to the estate treble the amt. for every overcharge in his accounts not removed within 3 days after request by a creditor or the Inspectors. The provision for suspending the certificates of those who do not pay 3cts on the dollar is repealed, and it is required that a dividend of 50cts. shall be shown, or that it would have been paid but for the fault of the Assignee or Inspectors or that, a mo. or more before proceedings, the insolvent had notified his creditors of his insolvency, and that the failure to pay 50cts. arose out of circumstances occurring more than a month after such notice, for which insolvent was not responsible. The power to terminate leases running for more than the then current year is given to Inspectors as well as creditors, and may be exercised by the latter at their first meeting, even if it be held within the 3 mos. of the expiring of the year, or by the former 1 week thereafter. The preferential lien of the landlord is limited in all the provinces except Quebec, to rent for 6 mos. previous to proceedings in insolvency. Before insolvents' real estate is sold, in other provinces than Quebec, the sale proposed must have been sanctioned at the first meeting of creditors, or one called for the purpose, or the Inspectors or the Assignee must have advertised it to take place by auction or tender under instructions of the creditors or Inspectors, and the latter have authorized it to be made for the price offered or a less. A creditor holding a written security on which the insolvent is only secondarily responsible may nevertheless rank on the estate as for an unsecured debt, if and after the