

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

(Legislature opened 10th November, prorogued 29th December, 1876.)

SUPPLIES.

Chap. 1—Grants \$1,970, '58 for the services of the year 1877-'78, and \$116,489.38 for 1876-'7.

CON. RAILWAY FUND.

Chap. 2—Forms a Consolidated Railway Fund of all debentures issued or to be issued for subsidy to railways, and unexpended balances on hand from their sale, as well as for the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway. Also municipal debentures or subscriptions, under 39 V., c. 2. From this fund subsidies, &c., are to be paid to railways authorized to receive them. And out of it the L. G. in C. may pay \$3,000,000 to the Q. M. O. & O. Ry., receiving their bonds therefor. And interest on such bonds is to be taken out of the net earnings of the road and paid into such fund until they are paid or released. The L. G. in C. may sell or pledge such bonds for moneys to be raised for subsidies, &c., and to guarantee their payment by endorsement. Whenever the Govt. holds those bonds for advances made, it may exercise all the powers of other bond holders in respect thereof, and will hold like rank and priority as against the revenues of the road.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

Chap. 3—A further advance of \$1,000 per mile is authorized to the Levis & Kennebec, the Quebec Central, and the St. Francis, Megantic & International Ry. Cos., on portions already built, upon their being placed in good running order, and on completion of future sections; advances may be made which do not exceed \$6,000 per mile built, and leave \$2,000 per mile for the portions remaining to be built. The L. G. in C. may direct the expenditure of the \$1,000 in perfecting a road or paying for right of way, rolling stock, &c. The subsidy to the Montreal, Portland & Boston Ry., is increased to \$4,000 per mile for 56 miles, from Longueuil to the Province line, via Chambly, West Farnham & Frelighsburg, (if the co. binds itself to the same rates as those of the Q. M. O. & O. Ry.;) to the Waterloo & Magog Ry. on 43 miles, and the Laurentian Ry. on 15 miles. If any subsidized co. abandons or loses its charter, the portion of subsidy remaining unappropriated may be divided between the Levis & Kennebec, 45 miles; the Quebec Central, 52 miles; St. F. M. & I. 53 miles, and the South Eastern from Acton to Sutton, in amts. not exceeding \$1,500 per mile of the uncompleted sections. The Quebec & Lake St. John need not refund the \$48,171 already received for the first section, but must give security for the completion of the second section by 1st January, 1881, default in which will involve repayment of advances. The subsidy is continued to the Missisquoi & Black River Valleys Ry. if the co. complete 10 miles by 1st December, 1877. The debentures

of a railway co., guaranteed by the Govt., may bear 6 p. c. int., and the L. G. may fix when it shall be paid. Any part of a subsidy already paid may be returned and converted into a guarantee for so much from a date settled with the directors. The Comrs. of the Q. M. O. & O. Ry. may guarantee payment to sub-contractors under Duncan Macdonald, the contractor for the western section, if approved; and they may use moneys provided for contingent expenses for construction.

COURT HOUSE—QUEBEC.

Chap. 4—Authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000 on the building of a Court House for Quebec; and for its re-imbusement the L. G. in C. may impose such taxes on proceedings, papers, &c., as may be necessary, to continue till the amt. is refunded.

CONSOL. REV. FUND.

Chap. 5—The C. R. F. is charged with all loans and debts of the Province, contracted by debentures or otherwise, and the interest on them and sinking fund provided for their repayment.

INSURANCE LICENSES.

Chap. 6—The Act requiring Ins. Cos. to take out licenses does not apply to accident policies for less than 30 days.

VAGRANTS, &c.

Chap. 7—For each person committed to gaol as a vagrant, or for contravention of municipal by-laws, the local corporation must pay 25 cts. per day.

CONSOLIDATION OF STATUTES.

Chap. 8—The L. G. in C. may appoint not more than 3 Comrs. and a Secretary to consolidate the Statutes of a general and permanent character of the Province, including those of the former Province of Canada applicable to Quebec, and those passed since 1867. They may also suggest amendments. They may add the general Statutes, Imperial and Canadian, affecting the Province, (but not within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Legislature,) as well as such treaties, proclamations, O. in C. &c., as may be prescribed by the L. G. in C. They are to report from time to time and submit their work as completed in print; when finished the L. G. submits it to the Legislature.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Chap. 9—The Civil Service, consisting of Deputy heads, clerks and messengers at the Seat of Government, is divided among the following departments, viz: Executive Council, Prov. Secretary and Registrar with bureau of Queen's Printer, Law Officers of the Crown, Treasury, Crown Lands,