

word: "Bryson", in the list of the chief places of the judicial districts, by the words: "Campbell's Bay".

Coming into force. **14.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 17

An Act to amend the act respecting the changing of the chief place of the judicial district of Terrebonne

[Assented to, the 29th of December, 1922]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

12 Geo. V,
c. 21, s. 3,
am.

1. Section 3 of the act 12 George V, chapter 21, is amended by replacing the words: "and Terrebonne", in the first line of the third paragraph thereof, by the words: "Terrebonne, Ste. Agathe and Ste. Thérèse".

Coming into force. **2.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 18

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, and to provide for the imprisonment of John H. Roberts.

[Assented to, the 29th of December, 1922]

Preamble.

WHEREAS John H. Roberts, of the city of Montreal, editor of the newspaper called "The Axe", published in Montreal in the issue of the 27th of October, 1922, an article containing the following passage:

"The names of two members of the Provincial Legislature, are coupled with this sinister crime and one may hear their names openly mentioned and their alleged guilt publicly discussed in the city of Quebec, and it is freely and frankly said that the cause of the inaction on the part of the authorities in clearing up the mystery and bringing the guilty to justice is because of the fact of these two persons being Members of the Legislature";

Whereas such passage of the said article refers to a murder, committed at Quebec in July, 1920, of a young

girl named Blanche Garneau, under particularly atrocious circumstances, and which have greatly agitated public opinion;

Whereas, by such passage, the said John H. Roberts says and implies that the names of two of the members of this Legislature are coupled with such crime, that one may hear their names openly mentioned, that their guilt so alleged is freely discussed in Quebec, and that the inaction of the authorities in bringing the guilty to justice is because of the fact of these two persons being members of the Legislature;

Whereas such an accusation is of the most atrocious and infamous nature, and bears upon each one of the members of the Legislature;

Whereas such passage constitutes a violation of the privileges of the Legislature, an odious attack upon its honour and its dignity, and a calumny unprecedented in parliamentary annals;

Whereas the said John H. Roberts has been summoned by the Legislative Assembly to appear before it to justify himself;

Whereas the said John H. Roberts, having appeared before the bar of the Legislative Assembly, on the 2nd day of November, 1922, has refused, despite the repeated demands addressed to him, to divulge the names of the two members contemplated by the said passage of his article, which he admits to have written and published, thus rendering himself guilty of contempt of the orders of the Legislative Assembly;

Whereas the said John H. Roberts, instead of exonerating himself, has instead aggravated his position by the answers he has given during the course of his examination;

Whereas the Legislative Assembly, sole judge of its honour, its dignity and its privileges, has declared the said John H. Roberts guilty of having violated its privileges and of having committed the most grievous attack upon its honour and its dignity;

Whereas the detention of the said John H. Roberts, under the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, for the duration of the session, would be an insufficient and inadequate punishment for the offence he has committed;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The said John H. Roberts, having been declared guilty of having violated the privileges of the Legislative Assembly and of having assailed its honour and its dignity by the said passage of his article, by his refusal to justify

John H. Roberts condemned to imprisonment for one year.

it, and by the answers which he has given before the bar of the Legislative Assembly, is condemned to imprisonment in the common gaol of the district of Quebec, for one year to count from the sanction of this act, where he shall be conveyed by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly.

This act constitutes warrant.

2. This act shall be the warrant or legal authority in virtue of which the said John H. Roberts shall be incarcerated and imprisoned in the said gaol.

R. S., 136, am.

3. Article 136 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended by replacing the words: "during the session then being held", in the second and third lines thereof, by the words: "not exceeding one year".

Coming into force.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 19

An Act to amend the Quebec Election Act

[Assented to, the 29th of December, 1922]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R. S., 180, am.

1. Article 180 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced by section 3 of the act 5 George V, chapter 17, is amended by replacing the word and numbers: "222 and 223", in the third line thereof, by the word and numbers: "202*w* and 202*at*".

R. S., 181, am.

2. Article 181 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended by section 3 of the act 2 George V, chapter 10, is again amended by inserting therein, after the number: "216", in the third line thereof, the words and numbers: "and 224 to 239*a*".

R. S., 211*a* and 211*b*, added.

3. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 211, the following articles:

Duplicates of list destroyed.

"**211a.** When the two duplicates of a list in force are destroyed or lost, the list which this one had replaced comes again into force and remains in force until a new list has been legally prepared and put into force.