

a. By replacing the word: "twenty-one", in the third line of paragraph 1 thereof, by the word: "twenty-six";

b. By replacing the word: "five", in the second line of paragraph 2 thereof, by the word: "seven".

2. The following article is inserted in the Revised R. S., 3084a, Statutes, 1909, after article 3084 thereof: enacted.

"3084a. Subject to the legislative authority of Canada, Cases may be referred for decision to certain advocates. the chief justice or the judge appointed by the proper authority to perform the duties of the chief justice, as the case may be, may, on the application of one party, refer the hearing and decision of any case, matter or thing pending before the Superior Court or one of the judges thereof, to an advocate who has practised for at least fifteen years.

The rules followed in like matters before the Superior Rules of Court or before a judge of that court, shall apply to pro-practice, &c. ceedings before such advocate, and the decision given by him shall be the judgment of the court or of the judge, as the case may be, and shall have the same force and effect. The power of the judges of the Superior Court to make rules of practice in the manner indicated in articles 73, 74 and 75 of the Code of Civil Procedure, shall extend to every matter and thing coming within the scope of this article."

3. This act shall come into force on the day it shall Coming into force. please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix by proclamation.

CHAP. 46

An Act to amend article 3098 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting sheriffs and prothonotaries

[Assented to 9th February, 1918]

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

1. Article 3098 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended R. S., 3098, by replacing the words: "within three months from the time of his removal or resignation," in the second and third lines of the third paragraph thereof, by the words: am.

"as soon as called upon to do so after his removal or resignation".

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

CHAP. 47

An Act respecting the jurisdiction of certain Magistrates' Courts in and for the county of Lake St. John

[Assented to 9th February, 1918]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by the act 53 Victoria, chapter 2, section 1, paragraph *a*, as amended by the act 54 Victoria, chapter 7, section 1, the county of Chicoutimi was divided, for the purpose of representation in the Legislative Assembly, and for municipal, judicial, registration and agricultural purposes, into two counties designated under the names of: "County of Chicoutimi," and "County of Lake St. John";

Whereas the said acts respectively came into force on the 2nd of April and 30th of December, 1890;

Whereas, at those dates, Magistrates' Courts existed under the names of "Magistrates' Court for the County of Chicoutimi, in the parish of St. Jérôme"; "Magistrates' Court for the County of Chicoutimi at St. Louis de Metabetchouan"; and "Magistrates' Court for the County of Chicoutimi, in the parish of St. Felicien";

Whereas such courts existed until the 13th of January, 1917, the date of their abolition;

Whereas doubts exist as to the jurisdiction of such courts for trying and disposing, under the above designation, of cases brought before them since the coming into force of the said acts 53 Victoria, chapter 2, and 54 Victoria, chapter 7, up to the 13th of January, 1917;

Whereas it is expedient to remove all doubts in this respect;

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

Certain proceedings, &c., ratified.

1. The proceedings of the parties to suits and the judgments rendered by the magistrate or clerk in any case before the Magistrate's Court for the County of Chicoutimi in the parish of St. Jerome, the Magistrate's Court for the County of Chicoutimi, at St. Louis de Metabetchouan,