

Id., art. 53,
amended.

27. Article 53 of the said act is amended by adding thereto the following words : “ provided that the said costs do not exceed the costs of a Circuit Court case.”

Id., art. 157,
amended.

28. Article 157 of the said act is amended by replacing the words and figures : “ 1, 2 and 4,” in the seventh line, by the words and figures : “ 1, 2, 4, 11, 12 and 13.”

Id., art. 157,
amended.

29. The form of oath contained in article 157 of the said act is amended :

(a) By adding at the end of paragraph 8 of the said form the words : “ and thereby being influenced in your manner of voting.”

(b) By adding the following paragraphs at the end of the said form :

“ 11. Not being a proprietor and residing in the United States for over a year, have you returned to this country with your family, at least one month before the election, with the intention of remaining therein ?

“ 12. Residing in this electoral district, do you receive an annual salary or wages of at least \$300, or do you draw interest from some investment in Canada, or from the business firm in which you are a partner, a revenue of at least \$300 per annum, or do you draw from your work as a jobber in a factory at least \$300 per annum ?

“ 13. Do you reside and keep house upon the immoveable property which qualifies you as occupant or as tenant ?

The tenants of stores, workshops or business offices, shall not be bound to answer question 13.”

Coming into
force.

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

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An Act to reorganize the Departments.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

R. S., 143,
amended.

1. Article 143 of the Revised Statutes is amended, by striking out the words : “ President of the Executive Council,” in the second line, and by replacing the words : “ Commissioner of Crown Lands, Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization,” in the third and fourth lines, by the words :

“Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, and Commissioner of Colonization and Mines.”

2. Article 143 of the said Revised Statutes, as amended by the preceding section, shall apply to the present members of the Executive Council, who may be called upon to occupy any of the positions created by this act. R. S., 143, to apply to present members of Executive Council.

3. Article 593 of the said Revised Statutes is replaced by the following : R. S., 593, replaced.

“**593.** The Lieutenant-Governor may appoint, under the Great Seal of the Province, from among the members of the Executive Council, the following functionaries, who remain in office during pleasure, that is to say :

1. An Attorney-General ;
2. A Provincial Secretary ;
3. A Provincial Treasurer ;
4. A Commissioner of Public Works ;
5. A Commissioner of Agriculture ;
6. A Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries.
7. A Commissioner of Colonization and Mines.

4. The following article is added after article 594 of the said Revised Statutes : Art. added after R. S., 594.

“**594a.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may define the duties to be exercised by any member of the Executive Council and transfer one or more branches of any department from the control of one member of the Executive Council to the control of any other member.” Duties of members may be defined, and branches of departments may be transferred.

5. Article 636 of the said Revised Statutes is replaced by the following : R. S., 636, replaced.

“**636.** The deputy heads are : Deputy heads.

1. The Clerk of the Executive Council ;
2. The Assistant Attorney-General ;
3. The Assistant Provincial Secretary ;
4. The Assistant Provincial Treasurer ;
5. The Provincial Auditor ;
6. The Assistant Commissioner of Public Works ;
7. The Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture ;
8. The Assistant Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries ;
9. The Assistant Commissioner of Colonization and Mines ;

10. The Secretaries of the Department of Public Instruction.

R. S., 698, replaced.

6. Article 698 of the said Revised Statutes is replaced by the following :

Constitution of departments.

“ 698. For the administration of the public affairs of the Province, the departments hereinafter mentioned are constituted :

Executive Council.

1. The Department of the Executive Council, presided over by the First Minister.

Attorney-General.

2. The Department of the Attorney-General, presided over by him.

Provincial Secretary.

3. The Department of the Provincial Secretary, presided over by him.

Treasury.

4. The Treasury Department, presided over by the Provincial Treasurer.

Public Works.

5. The Department of Public Works, presided over by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Agriculture.

6. The Department of Agriculture, presided over by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Lands, Forests and Fisheries.

7. The Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, presided over by the Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries.

Colonization, and Mines.

8. The Department of Colonization and Mines, presided over by the Commissioner of Colonization and Mines.

Public Instruction.

9. The Department of Public Instruction, which is under the Provincial Secretary, but of which the administrative direction is confided to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

R. S., 699, amended.

7. Article 699 of the said Revised Statutes is amended, by replacing the words : “ President of the Executive Council,” in the second line, by the words : “ First Minister.”

Par. added after R. S., 703, § 6.

8. The following paragraph is added after paragraph 6 of article 703 of the said Revised Statutes :

Police.

“ 7. He is charged with superintending the administration or the execution, as the case may be, of the laws respecting the police. R. S., 707, § 7*b*.”

R. S. 707, § 7*b*, repealed.

9. Clause *b* of paragraph 7 of article 707 of the said Revised Statutes is repealed.

R. S., 1236 to 1246, replaced.

10. The title to chapter sixth of title fourth and articles 1236 to 1246 of the said Revised Statutes are replaced by the following :

“ CHAPTER SIXTH.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS AND FISHERIES, AND
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PART FIRST.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS AND FISHERIES.

SECTION I.

THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS FUNCTIONS.

“**1236.** The Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, validly designated in this chapter under the name of Commissioner, has the administration and direction of the Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries. R. S., 1236.

Administra-
tion of Com-
missioner.

“**1237.** His functions, powers and duties are the following:

Powers, du-
ties and func-
tions.

1. He has, throughout the Province, the oversight, control and management of everything connected with the administration and sale of the public lands belonging to the Province, and of the timber and wood thereon, and with the administration of the forests in the Province;

Public lands,
&c.

2. He has the management of escheats;

Escheats;

3. Fisheries on the banks of rivers, streams, and lakes in the Province, and all fisheries within the jurisdiction of the Province, are under his control;

Fisheries;

4. The carrying out of the game laws is also under his supervision;

Game laws;

5. He administers the property of the Jesuits' Estates, Crown Domain, and of the Seigniori of Lauzon. R. S., 1237.

Jesuits' Esta-
tes, Crown
domain and
Lauzon Seign-
iory.

“**1238.** The Commissioner annually lays before the Legislature, within ten days after the beginning of each session, a report of the proceedings of the Department during the year then next preceding. R. S., 1238.

Annual re-
port.

“**1239.** He causes lists of the public lands for sale in the several townships in the Province to be made out from time to time, and advertised and published as he deems most advisable for ensuring general information. R. S., 1239.

List of public
lands for sale
to be publish-
ed.

“**1240.** He shall transmit, as early as possible in each year, to the secretary-treasurer of every county municipality, a list of the public lands sold, granted, leased, appro-

List of public
lands sold to
be yearly
transmitted to

secretary-treasurers of county municipalities.

priated or set apart to any person, or for which licenses of occupation have been granted in such county municipality, during the year next preceding, and for which no patents have issued.

Liability of such lands for taxes, &c.

Such lands shall be liable for the assessed taxes in the townships in which they respectively lie, from the date of such sale, license or appropriation; and the purchaser, at the sale of any such lands for taxes, shall, as heretofore, have in the lands so sold the same rights only as the person entitled to claim under the Crown at the time of such sale.

Notice of cancellation of sales, &c., to be given to secretary-treasurers and registrars; Effect as to taxes.

2. He shall, in like manner, apprise each such secretary-treasurer of the cancellation of any license of occupation, sale, grant, lease, location or appropriation, and the registrar of every county and registration division, of the cancellation of any patent of land within such county and registration division; from which time, until resold, leased, or regranted, the land affected shall cease to be liable to taxes. R. S., 1240.

SECTION II.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

§ 1.—*Assistant Commissioner and other Officers.*

Appointment of assistant-commissioner.

“**1241.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoints an assistant commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, who is validly designated in this chapter under the name of assistant commissioner.

Other departmental officers.

2. He further appoints all the other officers, clerks and messengers necessary for the proper administration of the Department. R. S., 1242.

Other officers.

“**1242.** The Lieutenant-Governor may, from time to time, appoint officers and agents to carry out this chapter and orders in council under it.

How paid.

Such officers and agents are paid in such manner and at such rates as may be prescribed by order in council. R. S., 1243.

Other duties of officers may be assigned.

“**1243.** The respective duties of the officers of the Department, not expressly regulated by law are, from time to time, assigned to them by the Commissioner. R. S., 1590.

§ 2.—*Powers and Duties of Assistant Commissioner.*

His duties and powers.

“**1244.** Without prejudice to the control of the Commissioner, the assistant commissioner has the superintendence of the other officers, clerks, messengers or servants, and the general control of all the affairs of the Department; his orders shall be executed in the same way as those of the Com-

missioner himself, and his authority shall be deemed to be that of the head of the Department, so that he can validly affix his signature, in his said quality, and thereby give force and authority to all acts, receipts, permits of occupation, contracts or deeds of sale, location tickets, letters-patent, adjudications, revocations of sales or locations, and all other documents whatsoever, which are or may be within the jurisdiction of the Department.

2. It is lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, from time to time, whenever he may deem it expedient, to revoke, wholly or in part, the powers of the assistant commissioner. Revocation of powers.

3. Before entering on the duties of his office, the assistant commissioner shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the same. He shall be sworn.

Such oath is administered by the commissioner, or any person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose. Oath before whom taken. R.S., 1244.

“ **1245.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall require, from the assistant commissioner and from every agent appointed under him, security for the due performance of his duty. Assistant commissioner and agent to give security. R. S., 1245.

“ **1246.** During the illness or absence of the assistant commissioner, the head of the Department shall appoint another officer to temporarily perform his duties ; and notice of such appointment shall be given in writing to each officer and clerk of the Department.” During his absence a substitute shall be named. R. S., 1246.

11. Article 1252 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by repealing the words : “ of Crown Lands,” in the seventh and eighth lines of the English version thereof. R. S., 1252, amended.

12. Articles 1253 and 1277 of the said Revised Statutes are amended, by replacing the words : “ Department of Crown Lands,” by the words : “ Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries.” R. S., 1253 and 1277, amended.

13. Article 1268 of the said Revised Statutes is amended, by replacing the words : “ section ninth of this chapter,” in the first and second lines, by the words : “ the law.” R. S., 1268, amended.

14. Article 1269 of the said Revised Statutes is amended, by replacing all the words, after the words : “ right of the latter,” in the second line of the second paragraph, by the words : “ to sell the lands as fire-wood lots under existing regulations and sugary lands, nor the right of the Commissioner of Colonization and Mines to sell the lots under the law respecting mines.” R. S., 1269, amended.

R. S., 1358,
amended.

15. Article 1358 of the said Revised Statutes is amended, by replacing the words : "Department of Crown Lands," by the words : "Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries."

Interpretation
of certain
words in cer-
tain acts.

16. In the Quebec Cullers' Act, as enacted by the act 54 Victoria, chapter 14, and in the Quebec Game Laws, the terms "Commissioner of Crown Lands" and "Department of Crown Lands" shall be interpreted as meaning the Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries and the Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries.

R. S., 1376, §§
6 and 9,
amended.

17. Paragraphs 6 and 9 of article 1376 are amended, by replacing the words : "Department of Crown Lands," by the words : "Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries."

R. S., 1377a
and 1377c,
amended.

18. Article 1377a and 1377c of the said Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 58 Victoria, chapter 20, are amended, by replacing the words : "Commissioner of Crown Lands," by the words : "Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries."

R. S., 1583 to
1593, replaced.

19. The title of chapter seventh of title fourth, and articles 1583 to 1593 of the said Revised Statutes are replaced by the following :

" CHAPTER SEVENTH.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PART FIRST.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

SECTION I.

DECLARATORY PROVISIONS.

Documents
binding only
when signed
by Commis-
sioner, &c.,
and counter-
signed.

" 1583. No deeds, contracts, documents or writings shall be deemed to be binding upon the Department, or held to be the acts of the Commissioner, unless signed by him or his assistant and countersigned by the secretary.
R. S., 1583.

Proof of co-
pies signed by
secretary.

" 1584. A copy of any document in the custody and charge of the secretary, certified by him as a true copy, is held to be authentic and has, *primâ facie*, the same legal effect as the original in any court of justice. R. S., 1584.

SECTION II.

COMMISSIONER AND HIS FUNCTIONS.

“ **1585.** The Commissioner of Agriculture, validly designated in this chapter under the name of Commissioner, has the administration and direction of the Department of Agriculture. R. S., 1585. Administration of the Commissioner.

“ **1586.** The functions, powers and duties of the Commissioner are the following : His functions, &c.

1. He has, throughout the Province, the control and management of everything connected with agriculture ; Agriculture, &c.

2. He has the control of and supervision over agricultural schools or colleges and model farms receiving Government grants, permanent exhibition committees, agricultural and horticultural societies and institutions for teaching agriculture ; Agricultural schools, &c.

3. The council of arts and manufactures and mechanics' institutes, as well as beet sugar manufactories receiving Government grants, are under his control ; Arts and manufactures.

4. The Dairy Association of the Province of Quebec, Compton Model Farm, Farmers and Dairymen's Associations, and societies for the manufacture of butter and cheese are bound to make an annual return of their operations to him. R. S., 1586. Dairy Association, &c.

“ **1586a.** There shall be attached to the Department a bureau to be called the “Bureau of Industries,” for collecting, tabulating and publishing industrial information for public purposes, and the Commissioner shall have the direction thereof. Bureau of Industries.

“ **1587.** The Commissioner shall institute inquiries, collect useful facts and statistics relating to agriculture, mechanics and manufactures and adopt measures for circulating the same, with a view of promoting the progress of the Province and attracting foreign immigration. R. S., 1587. Inquiries, &c., relating to agriculture, &c.

“ **1587a.** The Commissioner has the same rights and powers over farmers' clubs as over agricultural societies. Commissioner's rights over farmers' clubs.
56 V., c. 20, s. 1.

“ **1588.** The Commissioner shall, within ten days after the opening of each session, submit to the Legislature a detailed report of his proceedings. R. S., 1588. Commissioner's report.

SECTION III.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

§ 1.—*Assistant Commissioner, Secretary and other Officers.*

- Assistant commissioner. “**1589.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoints an assistant commissioner of agriculture, who is validly designated in this chapter under the title of assistant commissioner.
- Secretary and other officers. He further appoints a secretary and accountant, and all the other officers necessary for the proper administration of the Department.
- Hold office during pleasure. These officers, to whom the Lieutenant-Governor in Council assigns the duties which each are to accomplish, hold office during pleasure.
- Appointment of agricultural and other officers. He may also, from time to time, appoint, outside of the Department, as many agricultural officers and other officers, whom he may deem necessary for the efficiency of the service in the various branches of the Department, and may remove them from office at pleasure.
- Inspectors. Persons may, at any time, be appointed by the Commissioner to inspect the books and accounts of any agricultural society receiving a Government grant or connected in any way with the Department.
- Officers of societies to submit books for inspection. The officers of every such society, whenever so required, shall submit such books and accounts to inspection, and truly and to the best of their knowledge answer all questions put to them in relation thereto or to the funds of such society. R. S., 1589, *in part.*
- Other duties of officers may be assigned. “**1590.** The respective duties of the officers of the Department, not expressly regulated by law, are from time to time assigned to them by the Commissioner. R. S., 1590.

§ 2.—*General Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Department.*

- Control of assistant commissioner. “**1591.** The assistant commissioner shall, subject to the control of the Commissioner, superintend and direct the other officers and servants of the Department.
- General business. 2. He has the general control of the business of the Department, and has all the other powers assigned to him by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
- Suspension of officers by assistant commissioner. 3. In the absence of the Commissioner, and during such absence, he may suspend any officer or servant of the Department who refuses or neglects to obey his orders. R. S., 1591.
- He shall be sworn. 4. Before entering on the duties of his office, the assistant commissioner shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the same.

Such oath is administered by the Commissioner, or any person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose. R. S., 1244, *in part*. Oath before whom taken.

- “ **1592.** Unless otherwise directed by the Commissioner, the secretary shall :
1. Conduct, under the direction of the Commissioner, the correspondence of the Department ; Conduct correspondence;
 2. Keep a regular register of such correspondence, and classify the same in such a manner as to be able easily to refer thereto ; Keep register;
 3. Prepare the reports ; Prepare reports ;
 4. Keep separate accounts for the grants to which are entitled the council of agriculture, the council of arts and manufactures, the permanent exhibition committee, agricultural societies, and institutions for teaching agriculture ; Keep accounts for grants, &c.;
 5. Keep proper accounts for the sums due to persons employed by the Department, or to any other persons ; Keep accounts with contractors, &c.;
 6. Prepare certificates upon which any warrant is to issue ; Prepare certificates ;
 7. Keep charge of all reports, maps, plans, contracts, titles, models and other articles and documents, relating to arts and manufactures, agriculture and agricultural industries ; Have charge of reports, &c.;
 8. Keep minutes of all proceedings of the Department ; Keep minutes of proceedings, &c.;
 9. Generally, perform all such acts concerning the business of the Department which he may, from time to time, be directed by the Commissioner to perform. R. S., 1592, *in part*. Other duties.

§ 3.—*Duties of Officers of certain Institutions respecting the Department.*

“ **1593.** Agricultural societies, colleges or schools of agriculture, the council of arts and manufactures, mechanics' institutes, public institutions, and public officers in this Province, shall promptly answer official communications from the Department, and shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them. Institutions to answer official communications.

Any officer of any of the institutions above named, refusing or wilfully neglecting to answer any questions or to furnish any information relating to the interests of agriculture, agricultural institutions, mechanics or manufactures, shall for every such offence incur a penalty of twenty dollars, which shall be recoverable in the name of Her Majesty before any competent court of justice.” R. S., 1593. Penalty on officers refusing.

Chapter and
articles added
after R. S.,
1703.

20. The following chapter and articles are added after article 1703 of the said Revised Statutes :

“ CHAPTER SEVENTH A.

DEPARTMENT OF COLONIZATION AND MINES.

PART FIRST.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COLONIZATION AND MINES.

SECTION I.

DECLARATORY PROVISIONS.

Documents
binding only
when signed
by commis-
sioner and
countersign-
ed.

“ **1703a.** No deeds, contracts, documents or writings shall be deemed to be binding upon the Department, or held to be the acts of the Commissioner, unless signed by him or his assistant and countersigned by the secretary. R. S., 1583.

Proof of co-
pies signed by
secretary.

“ **1703b.** A copy of any document in the custody and charge of the secretary, certified by him as a true copy, is held to be authentic and has, *primâ facie*, the same legal effect as the original in any court of justice. R. S., 1584.

SECTION II.

THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS FUNCTIONS.

Administra-
tion of com-
missioner.

“ **1703c.** The Commissioner of Colonization and Mines, validly designated in this chapter under the name of Commissioner, has the administration and direction of the Department of Colonization and Mines. R. S., 1585.

His functions,
&c.

“ **1703d.** His functions, powers and duties are the following :

Colonization,
&c.

1. He has, throughout the Province, the control and management of everything connected with colonization, immigration and emigration ; R. S., 1586, § 1.

Colonization
societies.

2. He has the control of and supervision over colonization societies receiving Government grants ; R. S., 1586, § 2.

Colonization
works.

3. The colonization works mentioned in articles 1715 to 1720, inclusively, and colonization roads are under his direction ; R. S., 1586, § 3.

Cadastre.

4. The preparation of official plans and books of reference is under his direction ; R. S., 1237, § 5.

Mining lands.

5. He has control over everything connected with the administration and sale of mining lands in the Province ; R. S., 1237, § 6.

6. He performs all the duties and executes all the powers of the Surveyor General of the late Province of Canada, in respect of matters connected with this Province. R. S. 1237, § 8. Performs duties of Surveyor General.

“1703e. The Commissioner annually lays before the Legislature, within ten days after the beginning of each session, a report of the proceedings of the Department during the year then next preceding. R. S., 1238. Report.

“1703f. The powers and duties of the department and office of the Surveyor General of the late Province of Canada, in so far as regards the exercise and performance thereof within the Province, are exercised and performed by the Commissioner, or by any assistant or clerks in his department or office, or by any person whom he, by any instrument in writing under his hand, authorizes to that effect, and under such manner or designation of office, as he may fix, as effectually as they might have been exercised or performed by the Surveyor General. R. S., 1241. Powers and duties of Surveyor General to be exercised and performed by the Commissioner.

SECTION III.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

§ 1.—Assistant Commissioner and other Officers

“1703g. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoints an assistant commissioner of colonization and mines, who is validly designated in this chapter under the name of assistant commissioner. Assistant commissioner.

2. He further appoints a secretary and an accountant, and all the other officers, clerks and messengers necessary for the proper administration of the Department. Secretary and other officers.

These officers, to whom the Lieutenant-Governor in Council assigns the duties which each is to accomplish, hold office during pleasure. Hold office during pleasure.

3. He may also, from time to time, appoint, outside of the Department, as many colonization agents, superintendents of colonization works and other officers, whom he may deem necessary for the efficiency of the service in the various branches of the Department, and may remove them from office at pleasure. Appointment of colonization officers, &c.

Persons may, at any time, be appointed by the Commissioner to inspect the books and accounts of any colonization society receiving a Government grant or connected in any way with the Department. Inspectors.

The officers of every such society, whenever so required, shall submit such books and accounts to inspection and, truly and to the best of their knowledge, answer all question put to them in relation thereto or to the funds of such society. R. S., 1589, *in part*. Officers of societies to submit books for inspection.

Other duties
of officers may
be assigned.

“1703h. The respective duties of the officers of the department, not expressly regulated by law, are, from time to time, assigned to them by the Commissioner. R. S., 1590.

§ 2.—*General Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Department.*

Control of
assistant
commissioner.

“1703i. The assistant commissioner shall, subject to the control of the Commissioner, superintend and direct the other officers and servants of the department.

General
business.

2. He has the general control of the business of the Department, and has all the other powers assigned to him by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Suspension of
officers.

3. In the absence of the Commissioner, and during such absence, he may suspend any officer or servant of the Department who refuses or neglects to obey his orders. R. S., 1591.

Assistant to
be sworn.

4. Before entering on the duties of his office, the assistant commissioner shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the same.

Before whom
oath to be
taken.

Such oath is administered by the Commissioner, or any person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose. R. S., 1244, *in part*.

Duties of
secretary :

“1703j. Unless otherwise directed by the Commissioner, the secretary shall :

Conduct
correspondence ;
Keep register ;

1. Conduct, under the direction of the Commissioner, the correspondence of the Department ;

2. Keep a regular register of such correspondence and classify the same in such a manner as to be able easily to refer thereto ;

Prepare reports ;
Keep accounts for grants ;

3. Prepare the reports ;

4. Keep separate accounts for the grants to which colonization societies are entitled, and also for each colonization work ;

Keep accounts with contractors ;

5. Keep proper accounts for the sums due to contractors for colonization works, to persons employed by the Department, or to any other persons ;

Prepare certificates ;

6. Prepare certificates upon which any warrant is to issue ;

Keep charge of reports, &c. ;

7. Keep charge of all reports, maps, plans, contracts, titles, models or other articles and documents, relating to colonization, emigration and immigration ;

Keep minutes of proceedings ;

8. Keep minutes of all proceedings of the Department ;

Other duties.

9. Generally, perform all such acts concerning the business of the Department which he may, from time to time, be directed by the Commissioner to perform. R. S., 1592, *in part*.

“**1703k.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall require, from the assistant commissioner and from every agent appointed under him, security for the due performance of his duty. R. S., 1245. Security to be furnished by certain officers.

“**1703l.** During the illness or absence of the assistant commissioner, the head of the Department shall appoint another officer to temporarily perform his duties; and notice of such appointment shall be given in writing to each officer and clerk of the Department. R. S., 1246. During absence of assistant commissioner a substitute shall be named.

§ 3.—*Duties of Officers of certain Institutions respecting the Department.*

“**1703m.** Colonization societies shall promptly answer official communications from the Department, and shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them. Institutions to answer official communications.

Any officer of any of the institutions above-named, refusing or wilfully neglecting to answer any questions or to furnish any information relating to the interests of colonization, shall, for every such offence, incur a penalty of twenty dollars, which shall be recoverable, in the name of Her Majesty, before any competent court of justice.” R. S., 1593. Penalty on officers thereof of refusing.

21. Sections eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth of chapter seventh of title fourth of the said Revised Statutes, shall form part of chapter seventh *a* of the said title fourth. Certain sections to form part of R. S., chapter 7a of title 4th.

22. Section thirteenth of chapter seventh of title fourth of the said Revised Statutes shall continue to form part of the said chapter seventh. Certain section to continue to form part of R. S., chapter 7 of title 4th.

23. Article 1707 of the said Revised Statutes, is amended, by striking out the words: “of Agriculture and,” in the second line thereof. R. S., 1707, amended.

24. Article 1725 of the said Revised Statutes, as amended by the act 53 Victoria, chapter 25, section 1, is further amended: R. S., 1725, amended.

(a) By replacing the words: “Crown Lands,” in the second line of paragraph 3, by the words: “Lands, Forests and Fisheries.”

(b) By replacing the words: “Department of Agriculture and Colonization, and the Department of Crown Lands,” in the first and second lines of paragraph 5, by the words: “Departments of Agriculture, of Colonization and Mines, and of Lands, Forests and Fisheries.”

25. Articles 4927, 4929, 4933, 4946, 4947, 4971, 4977 and 4995 of the said Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of the act 58 Victoria, chapter 39, are again amended, by sub- R. S., 4927, 4929, 4933, 4946, 4971, 4977 and 4995,

amended. substituting the words : " Commissioner of Public Works," for the words : " Commissioner of Crown Lands," wherever they appear in the said articles.

Interpretation of certain words in certain Statutes. **26.** In any act of this Province, the words : " Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization," and " Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and Colonization" when it concerns agriculture, are replaced by the words : " Commissioner of Agriculture " or " Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture," as the case may be, and when it concerns colonization by the words : " Commissioner of Colonization and Mines," or " Assistant Commissioner of Colonization and Mines," as the case may be ; the words : " Commissioner of Crown Lands " or " Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands," when it concerns lands, forests or fisheries, by the words : " Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries" or " Assistant Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries," as the case may be, and when it concerns mines, surveys or the cadastre, by the words : " Commissioner of Colonization and Mines " or " Assistant Commissioner of Colonization and Mines," as the case may be.

Present officers of certain departments. **27.** The present officers of the Department of Agriculture and Colonization and of the Department of Crown Lands may, without any new appointment, continue to exercise their offices or may be transferred to other positions in any of the departments created by this act, at the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Coming into force. **28.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CAP. XXIII.

An Act to amend the Quebec License Law.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

R. S., 828,
amended.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Pedlars defined.

1. The following paragraph is added after paragraph 39 of article 828 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 59 Victoria, chapter 14, section 1 :

" 40. Any trader taking orders, and selling under such orders by retail and directly to the consumer, or outside of his shop or store, in rural municipalities, is considered to be a pedlar for the purposes of this section."

R. S., 996a,
repealed.

2. Article 996a of the said Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 59 Victoria, chapter 14, section 26, is repealed.