

Declaratory. In the case in which, however, the defendant has satisfied or shall satisfy the condemnation provided by the said articles 4645 and 4646, the time of the forfeiture provided for by sections 1 and 2 of the said act 58 Victoria, chapter 42, is declared to be reduced, as well for the past as for the future, from five years to eighteen months, to be reckoned from the date of the judgment rendered in the first instance.

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

CAP. XLIII.

An Act to amend the law respecting gas and water companies.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

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

R. S., 4875, replaced. **1.** Article 4875 of the Revised Statutes is replaced by the following :

Limit of sum to be borrowed. “**4875.** The sum so borrowed shall not exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars, to be expended in gas-works and the like sum for water-works for any village, parish, township or other municipality; and, for a town or city, to be expended in either gas- or water-works, the sums following: for a town, the sum of eighty thousand dollars, and for a city, the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.”

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

CAP. XLIV.

An Act to amend the act 56 Victoria, chapter 36, respecting sequestered railways.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

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

Art. added after R. S., 5183c. **1.** The following article is added after article 5183c of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 56 Victoria, chapter 36 :

“ 5183 cc. The Commissioner of Public Works may, on the application of the sequestrator appointed to any railway company under the provisions of article 5183a, authorize such sequestrator to pay, out of the earnings of the road, the expenses occasioned for the working and running of the road, for the keeping of the road and rolling-stock in an efficient state of repair, and for the renewal of such of the rolling-stock as may become inefficient or disabled ; and, if such earnings are insufficient, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on a report of the Commissioner of Public Works, to temporarily advance the necessary sum required out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and for such advances the Province shall have a privileged claim against the railway and its rolling-stock and material, and may retain the amount thereof out of any subsidy that may become due to the company owning or controlling such railway.”

Sequestrator may be authorized by Commissioner of Public Works to make certain payments out of earnings of road.

Advances may be made by Government for such payments.

Privileged claim of crown for such advances.

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

CAP. XLV.

An Act to amend the act 59 Victoria, chapter 34, respecting Benevolent and Mutual Benefit Associations and Mutual Insurance Companies.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

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

1. Paragraph 2 of section 5 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 34, is amended by replacing the words : “ six months,” in the second line, by the words : “ two years.” 59 V., c. 34, s. 5, § 2, amended.

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

CAP. XLVI.

An Act respecting national benefit societies.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

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

1. The following provisions shall form section third of chapter fifth of title eleventh of the Revised Statutes : Section added after R. S., 5496.