

“ 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.

## " SECTION III.

## NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

§ 1.—*Constitution of the Corporation.*

Application  
for constitu-  
tion of corpora-  
tion.

" **5496a.** Ten or more persons, in any part of the Province, who wish to form a national benefit society, may be constituted a civil corporation by proceeding in the manner set forth in and paying the fees imposed by article 5487.

Constitution  
of corpora-  
tion.

" **5496b.** Upon the completion of the formalities set forth in article 5487, the persons requiring the incorporation, and such others who may thereafter become members of the society, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, under the name and style set forth in the declaration, and are vested with all the rights, powers and privileges inherent in corporations.

§ 2.—*General Powers of the Corporation.*

Power to hold  
real-estate and  
moveables.

" **5496c.** In a locality, village or town, of less than three thousand inhabitants, every society so incorporated shall have power to acquire and hold, within the limits of the municipality which authorized the incorporation, or within the limits of an adjacent municipality within the same judicial district and registration division, moveable and immoveable property, required for the purpose of the society, not exceeding in annual value the sum of two thousand dollars; and, in cities, towns and villages having three thousand inhabitants or more, moveable and immoveable property, not exceeding in annual value the sum of four thousand dollars.

By-laws to be  
approved.

No by-law made by a society incorporated under the provisions of this section shall have any effect before being approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

§ 3.—*Miscellaneous.*

Members not  
personally re-  
sponsible.

" **5496d.** The members are not personally responsible for the debts of the corporation.

Law applic-  
able.

" **5496e.** In so far as applicable, the provisions of the law concerning joint stock companies govern societies founded and organized under this section."

Coming into  
force.

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