

or in vacation, and any prothonotary of the Superior Court at the place where his office is therein held, shall, out of court, but in term or out of term, have and exercise within and for the district in which such place as aforesaid lies, the same power and authority as are vested in the court exercising superior original jurisdiction by article 857 of the Civil Code in what respects the probate of wills.

The proceedings shall form part of the records of the Superior Court at the place where they are held, or of the Circuit Court at such place, if the Superior Court be not held there.”

Proceedings in such matters to remain in archives of Superior Court.

2. All wills which have been admitted to probate in the manner indicated in the previous section, since the coming into force of the Civil Code, are declared to have been validly proved in the same manner as if the previous section had always been in force.

Probate of certain wills heretofore granted confirmed.

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

Coming into force.

CAP. LVII.

An Act to amend the Municipal Code.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

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

1. Article 514 of the Municipal Code, as amended by the act 52 Victoria, chapter 54, section 6, is further amended: M. C., 514, amended.

(a). By striking out the words: “and maintenance,” in the first line :

(b). By adding the following paragraph at the end thereof :

“The council shall keep in proper repair the building used as a registry office, as well as its dependencies, in the same manner as a lessor is obliged by law to keep leased premises in repair.” Registry office.

2. The following article is added after article 520 of the said Code : Art. added after id. 520.

“**520a.** To fix at two inches and one-half at least and four inches at most the width of wheel tires of waggons carrying heavy loads, used by persons residing in the municipality, and to prohibit them from using any such waggons with wheel tires of a less width on municipal roads or on roads belonging to trustees of turnpike roads or others, in the municipality.” To fix width of wheel tires.

- Art. added after id. 522. **3.** The following article is added after article 522 of the said Code :
- Machines for roads. “**522a.** To acquire one or more machines to improve or maintain by-roads and roads.”
- Id., 582, amended. **4.** Article 582 of the said Code, as it is contained in article 6125 of the Revised Statutes, and amended by the act 57 Victoria, chapter 51, section 6, is further amended by replacing the fifth clause thereof, by the following :
- Council to fix price. “The council shall fix by by-law the price for granting any such license in virtue of this article.
- Prices may be different for different classes of business, &c. The price so fixed may be different for each class of business, trade or craft, provided that it does not exceed twenty dollars in the case set forth in paragraph 1, and twelve dollars in the case of paragraph 2.”
- Id., 716, amended. **5.** Article 716 of the said Code, as contained in article 6148 of the Revised Statutes, is amended by replacing the last paragraph by the following :
- Valuation roll in Gaspé. “Nevertheless, in the county of Gaspé, the valuation roll must be drawn up in the months of February and March.”
- Id., 746, replaced. **6.** Article 746 of the said Code, as it is contained in article 6157 of the said Revised Statutes, is replaced by the following :
- Entry of new owner, &c. “**746.** After every change of owner, occupant or tenant of any land set forth in the valuation roll in force, the local council, on a written petition to that end and after sufficient proof, shall erase the name of the former owner, occupant or tenant, and inscribe therein the name of the new one.”
- Id., 809, amended. **7.** Article 809 of the said Code is amended by adding the following paragraph thereto :
- Procès-verbal* to cease to be in force in certain event. “Every *procès-verbal* shall cease to be in force if the works thereby ordered be not performed within five years from its coming into force.”
- Id., 887, amended. **8.** Article 887 of the said Code is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof :
- Designation of properties in *procès-verbaux*, &c. “The portion of land so drained need not be designated otherwise than by indicating its area and by the official number of the lot.
- Id., 926, amended. **9.** Article 926 of the said Code, as contained in article 6193 of the Revised Statutes, is amended by replacing the word : “rural,” by the word : “local,” wherever the same occurs therein.

10. The description, in the manner described in section 8 of this act, of any lots or parts of lots in *procès-verbaux* or by-laws now in existence, is declared sufficient, without prejudice, however, to pending cases. Declaratory as to section 8.

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

C A P. L V I I I .

An Act to prohibit indecent posters in public streets and places.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

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

1. The posting or placarding or exhibiting in the streets, lanes, or public places in any town or city, of illustrated placards and show bills, for the purpose of advertising exhibitions, plays or operas, having depicted thereon nude or semi-nude human figures, or any other show-bills, placards or posters of a nature to promote and familiarise vice and crime, is prohibited under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence, and, in default of payment of such fine, of one month's imprisonment in the common gaol. Posting of certain placards, &c., in streets of cities, &c., forbidden. Penalty.

2. Every chief, superintendent or prefect of police and other peace officer will be responsible for the enforcement of this act ; and it shall be the duty of all such officers to cause the arrest and punishment of offenders, and the destruction and confiscation of all printed matter of the description mentioned in this act so exhibited or in the possession of the parties committing the offence. Duty of chief, &c., of police to arrest, &c., offenders.

3. Prosecutions under this act are governed by the provisions of PART LVIII OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF 1892. Law governing prosecutions.

C A P. L I X .

An Act to amend the acts respecting the corporation of the city of Quebec.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Quebec has, by petition, represented that it is expedient to amend Preamble.