

9. This act shall come into force on the day of its <sup>Coming into</sup> sanction. <sup>force.</sup>

## CAP. XXII.

An Act respecting the Court of Queen's Bench, Crown side.

[Assented to 30th December, 1890.]

**W**HEREAS the number of judges who now compose <sup>Preamble.</sup> the Court of Queen's Bench in the Province is insufficient for the effectual administration of civil and criminal justice within their jurisdiction; and whereas it is advisable that two additional judges be appointed for the said Court; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Article 2292 of the Revised Statutes of the Province <sup>R. S. Q., art.</sup> of Quebec is so amended, that hereafter the Court of <sup>2292 amended.</sup> Queen's Bench, established in and for the Province, shall be composed of eight judges instead of six:—one chief <sup>Composition</sup> justice and seven *puisné* judges. <sup>of court.</sup>

2. Not more than five judges shall sit as a Court of <sup>Number of</sup> Appeal or as a Court of Error; the quorum whereof <sup>judges to sit</sup> shall still continue to be four, as provided in article <sup>and quorum of</sup> 2298 of the said Revised Statutes. <sup>the court.</sup>

3. This act shall come into force on the day which the <sup>Coming into</sup> Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be pleased to fix <sup>force.</sup> by proclamation.

## CAP. XXIII.

An Act to amend the law respecting the concurrent jurisdiction of certain courts in this Province.

[Assented to 30th December, 1890.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The following paragraph is added to article 2330 of <sup>R. S. Q., art.</sup> the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec: <sup>2330 amended.</sup>

"3. The writ of execution against immoveables situate <sup>Address of</sup> in the district of Montmagny shall, however, be address- <sup>writs against</sup> <sup>lands in Mont-</sup> <sup>magny.</sup>

ed to the sheriff of that district, who alone is entrusted with its execution."

Coming into force.

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

## C A P . X X I V .

An Act further to amend the laws relating to Jurors.

[Assented to 30th December. 1890.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is necessary to provide for the summoning of jurors in criminal cases when sheriffs cannot act; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Articles added after R. S. Q. art. 2657.

1. The following articles are added after article 2657 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec :

Before giving instruction to summon jurors, Clerk of Crown or Clerk of Peace to inquire of sheriff if he is disqualified and send at same time list of cases and parties to be tried at term.

" 2657a. Before giving instructions to the sheriff to summon a panel of grand and petit jurors for any term of a court of criminal jurisdiction, the Clerk of the Crown or Clerk of the Peace shall enquire of the sheriff whether he knows of any lawful cause whereby he is disqualified from summoning the jurors for such term, and with such enquiry the said Clerk shall transmit to the sheriff a list of all the cases to be tried at the term, giving the names of the parties accused and of the private prosecutors or parties aggrieved.

If sheriff admits disqualification, precept to be directed to coroner.

If the sheriff admits any ground of disqualification, the Clerk of the Crown or Clerk of the Peace shall, forthwith, notify the Attorney General, and, upon application by the representative of the Crown, specially authorized, any judge who might hold or sit in the court for which the jurors are to be summoned, shall order the precept or *venire facias juratores* for that term of the court to be directed and awarded to the coroner of the district.

If coroner disqualified, precept to be directed to high constable, and if disqualified, to two persons sworn as elisors.

" 2657b. If the coroner also be legally disqualified to act in place of the sheriff in summoning such jurors, which disqualification shall be ascertained and reported to the Attorney General in like manner, then the judge, upon similar application, shall order the precept or *venire* to be directed and awarded to the high constable of the district, or, in case of the disqualification of the latter officer, to be similarly ascertained and reported upon, to any two persons of the district, named by the judge in the order, and sworn as elisors.