

"3. However, to be valid such actions shall be instituted within twelve months after the date upon which such person shall have so sat or voted in contravention of the provisions of this act." Prescription of twelve months for such suits.

CAP. III.

An Act to appoint as commissioners the members of certain select committees of the Legislative Assembly.

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

WHEREAS on the third of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four a select committee was appointed by the Legislative Assembly, composed of the Honorable Mr. Joly, and of Messieurs Desjardins, Asselin, Nantel, and Robidoux, with instructions to inquire into certain charges preferred with respect to the granting of the contract for the Parliament Building; Preamble.

Whereas on the sixth of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four there was also appointed by the Legislative Assembly, a select committee composed of Messieurs Desjardins, Nantel, Asselin, Lemieux and Watts, with instructions to inquire into certain charges preferred with respect to the election petition presented in 1882 against the election of a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral District of Jacques-Cartier;

Whereas such committees cannot legally sit after the prorogation of the present session of this Legislature;

And whereas it is in the interest of the public that the members of such committees be appointed commissioners for the purpose of inquiring into the facts mentioned in the resolutions constituting such committees; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The members of the said committees, respectively, are hereby constituted commissioners for the purpose of inquiring into the facts mentioned in the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly constituting such committees and of reporting to the said Legislative Assembly. Members of certain select committees appointed commissioners.

2. Such commissioners shall have all the powers conferred upon commissioners appointed under the act 32 Victoria, chapter 8, intituled: "An Act respecting inquiries concerning public matters," in the same manner and to the same effect as if they had been appointed under the said act. Powers as such commissioners

Duties of such commissioners.

3. Such commissioners shall proceed with all convenient speed, shall take the evidence of witnesses under oath and in writing, and for such purpose may employ stenographers, and shall, with due diligence, deposit with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly their report with all their proceedings evidence and exhibits produced.

Expenses may be paid.

4. Upon the certificate of the person chosen by these committees as their chairman respectively, duly approved by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the provincial treasurer is authorized to advance to such chairmen the moneys necessary to defray the travelling expenses of the commissioners, the costs of summoning and the taxation of the witnesses, the stenographers' fees and other necessary expenses.

Commissioners may be paid travelling expenses, &c.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of this Province, 32 Victoria, chapter 3, the said commissioners may receive their travelling expenses and also such indemnity as may be hereafter allowed them.

Coming into force.

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

CAP. IV.

An Act respecting the Library of the Legislature.

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

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

Books, &c., in library declared to belong to Her Majesty.

1. The books, oil-paintings, statues, maps and other articles which are in the joint possession of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of this Province, at the time of the passing of this act and which may hereafter be added to the present collection, shall belong to Her Majesty the Queen for the use of both Houses of the Legislature and shall be kept in suitable rooms set apart for this object.

Where to be kept.

Control, &c., of library vested in speakers of both Houses, with joint committee during each session.

2. The management and control of the Library of the Legislature, as well as of the officers and employees attached thereto, shall vest in the speakers of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly then in office, who shall, during each session, be assisted by a joint committee of both Houses.