

CAP. IX.

An Act to further amend chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, respecting the sale and management of timber on Public lands, and the Acts amending the same.

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

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

39 V., c. 11
amended by
adding secs.
5 and 6.

1. The Act of this Province, 39 Vic., cap. 11, is amended, by adding at the end thereof the following sections, which shall be taken and construed as forming part of the said act :

Certain territory may be set apart as forest lands.

"5. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, as soon as the necessary information can be obtained, after the coming into force of this act, set apart as : "Forest land" all the ungranted lands of the Crown, now held under licenses to cut timber, except such parts of such licensed lands on which no merchantable pine or spruce timber grows, and which are fit for settlement, and also such other portions of the ungranted lands of the Crown as the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, may think fit so to set apart ; and as soon as the order or orders in council, setting apart such forest land shall be published in the Quebec Official Gazette, and from and after the date of such publication, no land included in the territory so set apart shall be sold or appropriated for settlement purposes, until after the expiration of at least ten years, and, not then, until after it is established to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the whole or any portion of such territory may with advantage be opened for settlement. The order or orders in Council withdrawing such territory shall likewise be published in the Quebec Official Gazette.

And not be sold &c., for settlement for a certain time.

Publication of order in Quebec Official Gazette.

Name of such reserve.

The land so set apart shall be known and designated as a "Forest Reserve."

Duty of the Commissioner of Crown Lands upon renewing licenses.

6. In the renewals of licenses, effected after the publication of an Order in Council creating a Forest Reserve, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Crown Lands to exclude any land, theretofore under license in the locality, and which is not included in the Reserve."

C. S. C., c. 23, sec. 2, amended when certain lands cease to be forest reserve.

2. Whenever any such lands cease to form part of a "Forest Reserve," and for the purpose of securing to settlers, who may thereafter occupy the same, the timber they may require, to facilitate the performance of their settlement

duties, section 2 of the said chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, shall be amended, by adding after the words: "in all," in the sixth line thereof, the following words: "red and white pine, spruce, tamarac, birch, oak, walnut, cedar, butternut and basswood."

3. After the coming into force of this act, any license, issued for the cutting of any timber under the authority of the said chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada and its amendments, shall contain a special description of the trees, timber, and lumber which it is permitted to cut thereunder, and they shall be of the kind mentioned in the preceding section and none others.

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

CAP X.

An Act to provide means for the more effectual prevention of forest fires.

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

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

1. The lieutenant-governor in council may, by proclamation, declare any portion or part of the province of Quebec, which is included in any forest region to be a "Fire-District." Such proclamation shall be published in the "Quebec Official Gazette," and, from and after the date of such publication, the territory therein mentioned shall become and be known as a "fire district," within the meaning and for the purposes of this act.

Such territory shall cease to be a "fire-district," upon the publication of a proclamation of the lieutenant-governor in council revoking the one creating it.

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to set or cause to be set or started any fire in or near the woods, within any such fire-district, between the first day of April and the first day of November in any year, except for the purpose of clearing land, in which case no fire shall be set, except between the first day of July and the first of September only.

3. Any person who shall set or cause to be set a fire, contrary to the provisions of the foregoing section, shall,