

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.

Description to be contained in licenses for cutting timber.

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

Act in force.

## 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.

Fire districts erected and proclamation therefor.

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.

Publication of proclamation revoking same.

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.

Fires cannot be set therein between certain dates.

Proviso as to clearing lands.

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

Liability of person contra-

vening provisions of this act.

in addition to his liability for all damage, become liable, upon conviction, to the payment of a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, and in default of the payment of the said fine, with or without delay, to an imprisonment in the common gaol of the district in which the conviction takes place, for a period of not more than three months, unless the said fine and costs, together with the costs of imprisonment and conveyance of the delinquent be not sooner paid.

Fire Superintendents may be appointed and men employed.

4. It shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to employ, between the first day of April and the first day of November, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this act, such a number of men as he may deem necessary for that end ; and in each fire-district so established he shall name an officer who shall be known and designated as " Fire Superintendent. "

Licensees may place men at disposal of superintendent.

5. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may permit any person, holding a license in any territory, included in any such fire-district, to place at the disposal of the Fire Superintendent any number he may see fit of his employees for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this act ; which employees shall be under the sole and exclusive control and direction of the said Fire Superintendent and bound to execute his orders. The salaries and expenses of such employees shall be borne by the licensee.

Proviso as to pay of such men.

Locomotives to have appliances to prevent fire escaping from furnace, &c., and to have bonnets on smoke-stacks.

6. All locomotive engines, used on any railway which passes through any lands comprised in any such fire-district or any part of it, shall, by the company using the same, be provided with and have in use all the most improved and efficient means used to prevent the escape of fire from the furnace or ash-pan of such engines ; and the smoke-stack of each locomotive so used shall be provided with a bonnet or screen of iron or steel wire netting ; the size of the wire used in making the netting to be not less than number nineteen of the Birmingham wire gauge, or three sixty-fourth parts of an inch in diameter, and shall contain, in each square inch, at least eleven wires each way at right angles to each other, that is in all twenty-two wires to the square inch.

Duty of engine driver in this respect.

7. It shall be the duty of every engine driver, in charge of a locomotive-engine, passing over any such railway, to see that all such appliances above mentioned are properly used and applied, so as to prevent the unneces-

sary escape of fire from any such engine as far as it is reasonably possible to do so.

8. Any railway company, running or permitting any locomotive engine to be run in violation of the provisions of the preceding sections of this Act, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered with costs in any court of competent jurisdiction. Penalty on railway company allowing engine to be run in violation of this act.

9. All railway companies, whose lines pass through any lands comprised in any such fire-district or any part thereof, shall be bound, under a penalty of one hundred dollars, recoverable in the manner provided in the preceding section and subject in addition to the liability for all damages caused by fires originating from sparks issuing from their locomotives, to clear off from the sides of their respective roadways all combustible materials, by carefully burning the same or otherwise. And it shall not be necessary, in any such action for penalty or damages, to prove the name or number of the locomotive or the name of the engineer or fireman in charge of the same. Railway companies to clear their roadway of combustibles under penalty. Proof in suits for penalty.

10. For the purposes of this act, all Fire Superintendents, agents for the sale of Crown Lands, employees of the Department of Crown Lands, sworn land surveyors, and wood rangers employed by the Department of Crown Lands, shall be *ex-officio* justices of the peace; and any justice of the peace, before whom has been proved any contravention of the provisions of this act, may impose the penalty above set forth. Fire superintendents, &c., are justices of the peace.

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

## C A P. X I.

An Act to authorize the raising by way of loan of an additional sum for the requirements of the province.

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

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

1. In addition to the sum now remaining unborrowed and negotiable of the loan authorized by the act 45 Vict. cap. 18, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorise the provincial treasurer to procure by way of loan for Power of Provincial treasurer to borrow \$500,000 additional.