

CAP. IV.

An Act to amend the law respecting the Court of Queen's Bench.

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the number of five judges, who now compose the Court of Queen's Bench in this Province, has become insufficient for the effectual administration of civil and criminal justice, within their jurisdiction, and whereas it is advisable that a sixth judge be appointed to form part of such Court; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Composition of the Court of Queen's Bench

1. Section 1 of chapter 77 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, is so amended that, hereafter, the Court of Queen's Bench, established in and for Lower Canada, now the province of Quebec, shall be composed of six judges, instead of five, to wit:—one chief-justice and five puisné judges.

Proviso.

Nevertheless, as in the past, not more than five judges shall sit as a Court of Appeal or as a Court of Error, the quorum of which shall continue to be four.

Act in force.

2. The present act shall come into force on the day which the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall be pleased to fix by proclamation.

CAP. V.

An Act to amend the law respecting the constitution of the Superior Court.

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

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

SS. 1 and 2 of 36 V. c. 10, replaced.
Composition of the Superior Court.

1. Sections 1 and 2 of the act of this province, 36 Vict., chap. 10, are repealed and replaced by the following:

"**1.** Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Superior Court, established in and for Lower Canada, now the province of Quebec, shall be composed of twenty-seven judges, that is to say:—one chief-justice, and twenty-six puisné judges.

Powers of additional judge.

2. The additional judge, who shall be appointed to complete the number of twenty-seven, shall have the same