

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 Sections 1 and 2 of the act of this province, 36 Vict., chap. 10, are repealed and replaced by the following: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

authority and jurisdiction, and shall be subject to the same provisions of law, as any other judge of the said court, now in office and acting under similar circumstances."

2. Section 4 of the said act, is amended by striking out the word : " six, " in the first line, and by substituting therefor the word : " seven. " S. 4 of the said Act amended.

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

C A P. V I .

An Act respecting the terms of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in the Districts of Quebec and Montreal.

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

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

1. The Lieutenant Governor, in council, may order, that in future, only two terms of the court of general sessions of the peace shall be held in each of the districts of Quebec and Montreal, and he may, by proclamation, fix the period of such terms and change the same, from time to time, as he shall deem advisable. Terms of General Sessions of the Peace.

But it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in council, at any time, by proclamation, to discontinue the holding of one or both of the said terms of the said courts of general sessions of the peace, in either of the said districts of Quebec or Montreal, and also, by proclamation, to re-establish the same, if, in his opinion, the despatch of criminal business, in each such district, respectively so requires. Discontinuation and re-establishment of terms by order in council of Lieut.-Gov.

2. The act of this province, 37 Vict., chap. 7, intituled : " An act to diminish the number of terms of the court of general sessions of the peace, in the districts of Quebec and Montreal ", is hereby repealed ; and sub-section 2 of section 2 of chapter 97 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, is amended, by striking out, in the third line of the said sub-section 2 of the said section, the following words : " except those of Quebec and Montreal. " 37 Vict. c. 7, repealed and sub-sec. 2 of s. 2, c. 97, C. S. L. C., amended.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof. Act in force.