

been fixed by the gold mines Inspector in virtue of the preceding section, shall have been paid, together with the costs taxed by the said Inspector, into the hands of the said Inspector who shall give a receipt therefor, and shall without delay authorize the construction of the works applied for.

4. The gold mines Inspector shall, without delay, give notice to the parties interested, that such deposit is in his hands at the disposal of the proprietor, and if, within the fifteen days following such notice, no person has appealed from his decision, in the manner herein-after set forth, such deposit shall be declared sufficient and shall be paid to the proprietor at his request.

5. If any of the parties interested, considers himself aggrieved by the decision of the gold mines Inspector, rendered in virtue of the present act, within the fifteen days following the notice of such deposit as hereinabove set forth, the damages shall be assessed by arbitration in the manner set forth in sections three, four and five of the Gold Mines Act, 1870, in so far as they shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the present act.

6. When the works to be done are to be carried out on Crown Lands, the application for the necessary authorization, shall be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, who shall authorize the construction of such works on the conditions which he may deem it necessary to impose, or shall refuse to authorize them, and the decision of the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall be final and without appeal.

7. The present act shall be known as the : "Gold Mines amendment act of 1879," and shall come into force on the day of its sanction

## C A P . X I I .

An act respecting Coroners' Inquests.

[Assented to 31st October, 1879.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to put an end to the holding of useless inquests in the Province of Quebec, in the case of sudden deaths arising from accidents and without the commission of any crime ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

When coron-  
er shall hold  
an inquest.

**1.** No coroner shall hold an inquest on the death of any person, unless he is furnished with a certificate signed by a justice of the peace establishing that there is reason to suspect that such death has been caused by the commission of a crime, or when such inquest is demanded by a requisition in writing signed by the mayor, the *curé*, pastor or missionary of the locality, or by a justice of the peace of the county.

Coroner may  
order burial.

**2** After or during such inquest, the coroner may give an order to bury the body of such person, and this order shall always be considered as an authorization to proceed with such burial.

Burial of per-  
sons sudden-  
ly deceased.

**3.** The body of any person, suddenly deceased, by pure accident and whose decease has not given rise to such information, as above mentioned, shall be buried in the ordinary manner; and no certificate and no authorization shall be required in order to proceed with such burial.

Death of pri-  
soners.

**4.** The death of any person detained in the provincial penitentiary, in a common jail or reformatory, under the authority of a judgment of a court or otherwise, but without necessitating the complaint or the requisition mentioned in the first section, shall be established in a register which shall, for the future, be kept in accordance with the provisions of title 2 of the Civil Code, by the warden of the penitentiary, the sheriff of the district in which such common jail is, or the guardian of such reformatory as the case may be.

Services of a  
physician at  
inquests.

**5.** In the case of an inquest held as above mentioned, the jurors, if they think the same really necessary, may require the services of a physician of the locality where the inquest is held or of the nearest possible locality.

Costs of in-  
quests.

**6.** The costs of such inquests are regulated by the tariff contained in Schedule A forming part of the present act.

Detailed  
statement to  
Prov. Sec.

**7.** Within fifteen days following the holding of such inquest, the coroner shall send a detailed statement of the costs of such inquest, to the Provincial Secretary, with a certified copy of the information or requisition above mentioned.

Corpses  
within cities,  
towns, &c., buried at  
expense of  
corporation

**8.** Any corpse found within the limits of a town, city, parish or township, shall be buried at the expense of the corporation of such town, city, parish or township; and the provisions of the third section shall apply to such burial.

9 The present act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Act in force.

### SCHEDULE A.

To the Coroner, fee for each inquest and return...	\$ 6 00	Schedule.
To a physician, for external examination ..	5.00	
To a physician, for internal examination .....	10.00	
To the coroner and physician for mileage covering all travelling expenses, for every mile actually travelled for the purposes of such inquest .....	0 10	
To the constable summoning witnesses, each witness .....	0.30	
To the constable summoning jury .....	1.00	
To a secretary or clerk in cases of an extraordinary nature, per day .....	2 00	
For chemical analysis, to comprise every analysis made on one body or any part or parts of the same body, for one inquest.....	20.00	

Whenever a chemical analysis is deemed necessary by the Jury and the coroner, the coroner will report to the Attorney-General who will select the physician by whom such analysis is to be made, and if such inquest and analysis shall have been especially difficult, the law officers of the Crown may allow a greater sum.

All reasonable expenses, such as the leasing of a place to hold the inquest, taking charge of body, notifying the coroner, burial expenses of paupers, to be paid.

All accounts in connection with services of physicians or burial expenses, to be certified by the foreman of the jury.

### CAP. XIII.

An Act respecting Lunatic Asylums in the Province of Quebec, subsidized by the government.

[ Assented to 31st October, 1879.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Only lunatics who have not themselves or through Persons admitted to some relatives bound by law to support them, the means asylums. to pay in whole or in part, their expenses of maintenance,