

cil from time to time may deem to be of a public and general nature or interest and may direct to be published with the Statutes of the Province, shall be printed and inserted in the volume of the Acts of the Legislature of this province passed in the present or in the volume of the Acts passed in any future session thereof.

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

## C A P . V I I I .

An act to provide for the abolition of District Magistrates' Courts.

[Assented to 20th July, 1878.]

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

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by proclamation, to abolish the magistrate's Court for any county, or any magistrate's court, he may deem proper ; and from and after the day fixed by the proclamation for such purpose, the magistrate's court shall no longer be held in such locality.

2. The records, registers, documents and archives of every magistrate's court abolished under the authority of the present act, whether they be in the possession of the clerk of such court or of any other person, shall be transmitted, without delay, to the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court specified in the proclamation, and shall form part of the archives of the latter court.

3. Every clerk or other person having in his possession records, registers, documents or archives of a magistrate's court which shall have been abolished, shall be bound to transmit the same within eight days from the date at which such court shall have ceased to be held, under penalty of a fine of ten dollars or of an imprisonment of fifteen days, for each and every day that he shall refuse or neglect so to do.

The costs and disbursements necessitated by such transmission shall be at the expense of the Province.

4. On the refusal by such clerk or other person to transmit such documents, or any of them, within the

prescribed delay, the Attorney-General or the Solicitor-General, may authorize a competent person to take possession thereof and to transmit them to the locality specified.

Continuation  
of proceed-  
ings.

5. After the records, registers, documents and archives of a magistrate's court which has been abolished, shall have been transmitted to the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court indicated, all proceedings pending and all judgments not executed in such magistrate's court, may be continued and executed before such Circuit Court, as if they had been commenced and obtained before it, subject however to the following provisions.

Suspension  
of prescrip-  
tion and  
proceedings.

6. Prescription and all delays incidental to procedure in every case pending before a magistrate's court which shall have been so abolished, shall be suspended and shall cease to run, from the day fixed for the abolition of such court, until the juridical day next ensuing after that on which the record of such case, registers, documents and archives of such magistrate's court referring thereto, shall have been deposited in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court indicated.

Titles and  
numbers  
of the cases.

7. The title and number of each such pending case shall be the title and number which shall be given to it by the clerk of the circuit court to which it shall have been transmitted.

Continuance  
of proceed-  
ings, with-  
out  
notice.

8. For the continuance of proceedings in such pending cases before the circuit court, it shall not be necessary to give any notice except such as would have been necessary if the magistrate's court had not been abolished.

Act in force.

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

## C A P . I X .

### An Act for the suppression of party processions

[Assented to 20th July, 1878.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS various persons, distinguishing themselves by ribbons, emblems and other distinct marks of party spirit, have, on previous occasions, assembled in large numbers and marched in procession in the city of Montreal, on certain holidays, anniversaries