

C A P. X V I.

An act respecting the indemnity to petty jurors, in criminal cases.

[Assented to 9th March, 1878]

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

C. S., L. C., s. 109, amended. **1.** Chapter 109 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, is amended by adding thereto, after section 15, the following :

Rural municipality may be exempted from contributing to B and J. fund. " 16. But the yearly contribution to be made, by the municipalities to the Building and jury fund, shall not be payable by any rural municipality which makes known to the Lieutenant Governor, through the Provincial Secretary, and to the sheriff of the district, its wish that the petty jurors summoned should not be paid for their services."

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

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An Act to amend the act respecting Commissioners, Courts for the summary trial of small causes.

[Assented to 9th March, 1878]

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

C. S. L. C., c. 94, amended. Sections added. **1.** Chapter 94 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, is hereby amended, by adding, after section 49, the following sections :

Jurisdiction of the court, if a village municipality is erected. " 49a. The commissioners' court which has been, or which may hereafter be established in any parish or township, shall continue to be the commissioners' court of such parish or township and shall continue to have jurisdiction over the whole extent of the territory comprised within the limits of such parish or township at the time of the establishment of such court; and this notwithstanding that incorporated villages have been or

may hereafter be formed out of a portion of such territory. If there be a court for the village. But the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, at any time, upon petition to that effect, establish a commissioners' court in and for any such village; in which case the court of such parish or township shall continue to have jurisdiction only over the remainder of the territory and may continue to hold its sittings within the limits of such village."

"49b. Whenever any parish or township, in which a commissioners' court has been or may be established, is divided into two or more parishes or townships, or whenever any portion of the territory of such parish or township is detached therefrom, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, upon petition to that effect, determine the jurisdiction thereafter to be given to such court and the name by which it shall thereafter be known." If parish or township is divided.

"49c. None of the provisions hereinbefore contained shall be construed to affect, or shall in any manner affect any cause, trial, or proceeding now pending before any commissioners' court to which this act is intended to apply." Proceedings pending.

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An act to amend certain articles of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec.

[Assented to 9th. March, 1878.]

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

1. Article 20 of the Municipal Code is amended by Art. 20, amended. striking out the words : " if it cannot be otherwise sufficiently described," and replacing them by the following : " or in the manner prescribed by a resolution of the council."

2. Article 21 is repealed, and the following substituted Art. 21, replaced. therefor :

"21. Every iron or wooden railway company shall construct and maintain all fences, roads, bridges, and water courses on the properties possessed or occupied by them in a municipality, and shall be subject to the dispositions of the by-laws, *procès-verbaux* or other municipal enactments passed to that effect, even if such works for fences, roads, bridges and water courses should not be of advantage to the company."