

39 V., ch. 3, s. 2, replaced. **8.** Section 2 of the same act is repealed, and the following substituted therefor :

Return and conversion of subsidy. **“ 2.** Any payment heretofore made, or which may hereafter be made by this province on any subsidy accorded to any railway company by any act of this Legislature, still in force, may be returned to the provincial treasurer, and thereafter converted into a like guarantee for the part or portion of such subsidy returned, and from such date or dates as the directors of the company returning such subsidy may request.”

Manner of paying subsidy. **9.** The subsidy granted by the present act shall be payable in the same manner as that granted by “the Railway subsidy act of 1875.”

Guarantee of sub-contracts of D. McDonald, by commissioners. **10.** The commissioners of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway may guarantee the payment of the amounts of the sub-contracts made by Duncan McDonald; the contractor for the western portion of the said road, provided that such contracts are approved of by them.

Sums to be taken to complete Q. M. O. & O. R. R. **11.** The said commissioners are authorized to take from the sum intended to meet the contingent expenses of the road, the sum necessary to complete the said railway.

Act in force. **12.** The present act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

CAP. IV.

An act respecting the building of the court-house of Quebec.

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

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

\$75,000 for building Court-House.

1. The lieutenant-governor in council is authorized to take out of the consolidated fund of the province, a sum of seventy-five thousand dollars to be employed in the reconstruction of the court-house in the city of Quebec.

Imposing add. tax, in the Quebec courts.

2. To reimburse to the provincial treasury the sum expended in the reconstruction of the new court-house, it shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor in council to impose, with power to modify the same from time to time, such additional tax as he shall deem advisable, on

all proceedings, papers and documents whatsoever, made in the several *greffes* of the courts sitting in the court-house, in the city of Quebec, or produced before such courts.

3. The tax mentioned in the preceding section shall form part of the consolidated revenue fund of the province, and shall be levied in the same manner as other judicial taxes already payable to the Crown. Application and levying of tax.

4. A separate account shall be kept of the sums levied in virtue of the present act. Separate account.

5. Immediately upon the moneys arising from such tax, according to the report of the auditor of the public accounts of the province, reaching the amount of the sum to be refunded to the treasury, with interest, the lieutenant-governor in council shall repeal all orders under which such tax shall be levied. Abolition of tax.

6. The orders in council issued in virtue of this act, shall have the force of law, fifteen days after their publication in the *Quebec Official Gazette*. Publication of orders in Council.

C A P. V.

An act to amend "The Treasury Department act," of this province, (31 Vict, ch. 9.)

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

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

1. The act of this province 31 Vict, ch. 9. is amended by inserting therein, after section 4, the following section. 31 V., c. 9, amended.

"4a. The consolidated revenue fund shall be also charged with all loans and other debts, heretofore contracted or which shall be contracted, under any act whatsoever of this legislature, by the provincial government, by means of the issue of Provincial debentures or otherwise, as also with the interest on such loans, debentures or debts, and with the various sinking funds established for their extinction." Consolidated fund charged with loans and debts of province.

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