

Act. And it shall be lawful for the said cities and towns, in lieu of imposing and levying such annual assessment or tax, to exact from all persons applying for any certificate confirmed by them, under the said sections seven and twenty of the Quebec License Act, a sum not exceeding that which they might impose and levy as aforesaid, as such annual tax."

18. Section twenty-four of the said Quebec License Act is amended by inserting after the word "won," in the seventh line, the following words: "under penalty of a fine from ten to twenty dollars." Sec. 24, of Q. License Act, amended.

19. Section twenty-four of the said act is further amended by substituting the word "fourteen" for the word "sixteen" in the seventeenth line. Same sec. further amended.

20. Section thirty-one of the said act is amended by substituting the word "fourteen" for the word "sixteen" in the twelfth line. Sec. 31, of said act, amended.

21. Sections seven and eight of the act thirty-first Victoria, chapter twenty-one, are hereby suspended in their operation until the lieutenant-governor in council by proclamation declare the said sections to be again in force. Secs. 7 and 8, of 31 V. c. 21, suspended.

22. The present act shall come into force on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-three. Commencement of this act.

CAP. IV.

An Act to amend the Act for securing the Independence of the Legislature of this Province.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

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

1. Sub-section one, of section two, of the act passed in the thirty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled: "An act for securing the independence of the legislature of this province," is hereby amended, so as to read, as follows: \$1, of sec. 2, of 32 Vic., c. 3., amended.

"1. No person, accepting or holding any office, commission or employment of a permanent or temporary nature, at the nomination of the crown or of the lieutenant-governor, to which an annual salary, or any fee, Certain persons ineligible.

“allowance, emolument or profit, of any kind or amount
 “whatever, coming from the province, is attached, shall be
 “appointed a legislative councillor, or shall be eligible as
 “a member of the legislative assembly, or, in either case,
 “shall sit or vote as such, while holding such office, com-
 “mission, or employment.”

But the sub-section so amended, shall be subject to the exceptions enacted in the sub-section following in the section hereinabove cited.

CAP. V.

An Act to provide for the decision of Controverted Elections by the Judges, and to make better provision for the prevention of corrupt practices at Elections.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the trial of election petitions, and to provide more effectually for the prevention of corrupt practices at elections for the Legislative Assembly of Quebec; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Short title of this Act.

1. This act may be cited for all purposes as “The Controverted Elections Act of 1872.”

Definition of the words “the court” “the Judge.”

2. The expression “the court” shall for the purposes of this act, mean three judges of the superior court sitting at Quebec or Montreal, in the manner hereinafter provided for the final hearing and determination of election petitions; the expression “the judge” shall mean the judge of the superior court residing in, or to whom is assigned, the district wherein proceedings on such petitions are hereinafter appointed to be had, and the expression “the prothonotary” shall mean the prothonotary or deputy prothonotary of the superior court for the district in which such proceedings are appointed to be had as aforesaid.

“Prothonotary.”

Interpretation of the following terms:

3. The following terms shall, in this act, have the meaning hereinafter assigned to them, unless there is something in the context repugnant to such construction, that is to say:

“Member.”

“Member,” shall mean a member of the legislative assembly of Quebec;

“Elections.”

“Election,” shall mean an election of a member to serve in the legislative assembly of Quebec;

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