

If such expenses are incurred, beyond the said sum of twenty-five dollars, they shall not be charged in their accounts, and the directors of such societies as shall have authorized them, either directly themselves, or by the agency of members of the said society, or of any other persons in their names, shall be personally responsible for all such expenditure, and shall be liable on the prosecution of any person who has incurred the cost of such refreshments, feasts, entertainments, or anything similar thereto, and who shall prove his demand by legal evidence, to be jointly and severally condemned to pay him the amount thereof.

Directors to be personally liable for any sum so spent over \$25.

And any society which shall permit such expenditure, beyond twenty-five dollars, to be charged in their accounts, and to be paid out of its funds, in any manner or form, or under any disguise whatever shall on proof of the fact made to the satisfaction of the commissioner of agriculture and public works be deprived of all or of part of the grant for such period as the commissioner shall determine.

And society may be deprived of its grant.

30. The sixty-sixth section of the said act is amended by striking out the words "at least five days" in the fourth line, and substituting the words "at least fifteen days."

Sec. 66 of 32 V., c. 15, amended.

CAP. VIII.

An Act to amend the laws respecting the management of the Crown Lands.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

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

1. Section two of the act thirty-second Victoria, chapter eleven, intituled : " An Act respecting the sale and management of the Public Lands," is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor :

Sec. 2 of 32 V., c. 11, replaced.

1. There shall continue to be an assistant-commissioner of crown lands, who shall be appointed, from time to time, as a vacancy occurs, by the lieutenant-governor in council ; —and he shall have the superintendence of the other officers, clerks, messengers or servants, and the general control of all the affairs of the department ; his orders shall be executed in the same way as those of the commissioner of crown lands himself, and his authority shall be deemed to be that of the head of the department, so that he can validly affix his signature, in his said quality, and thereby give force and authority to all acts, receipts, permits of

Assistant-commissioner.

His duties and powers.

occupation, contracts or deeds of sale, location tickets, letters-patent, adjudications, revocations of sales or locations, and all other documents whatsoever, which are or may be within the jurisdiction of the department. The whole without prejudice however to the superior control of the said commissioner of crown lands, in all matters whatsoever relating to his department; and it shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor in council, from time to time, whenever he may deem it expedient, to revoke wholly or in part the powers hereinbefore enumerated and assigned to the assistant-commissioner of crown lands;

He shall be sworn.

2. Before entering on the duties of his office, the said assistant-commissioner of crown lands shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the same, which oath shall be administered by the commissioner of crown lands, or any person appointed by the lieutenant-governor for that purpose.

During his absence, &c., a substitute shall be named.

2. During the illness or absence of the said assistant-commissioner of crown lands, the head of the department shall appoint another officer to perform temporarily the duties of his said assistant; and notice of such appointment shall be given in writing to each officer and clerk of the said department.

Sec. 14 of 32 V., c. 11, amended.

3. The fourteenth section of the said act, thirty-second Victoria, chapter eleven, is amended, by inserting, after the words "industrial farm," in the fourteenth line thereof, the following words: "a place of public worship, that is to say, a place for the construction of a chapel or church, or the erection of a cemetery."

And in order to remove all doubts, it is hereby further declared and enacted as follows:

Former acts of assistant-commissioners declared valid.

4. All acts such as enumerated in the first section of this act, made, executed or signed by the present assistant-commissioner of crown lands, or his predecessors in office, before the passing of this act, are and shall be always as good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been made and signed by the head of the department, or as if the said section had been inserted in the before cited act.

Certain estates declared to be under control of C. L. Dept.

5. The estates forming part of the public domain, and known as "the Jesuits' Estates," "Crown Domain," "Seigniority of Lauzon," shall be deemed to have been heretofore, and to be hereafter, under the direct control of the crown lands department. And, in so far as may be practicable, the provisions of the act hereinbefore cited, and of this act, shall apply to the said estates, and all deeds, titles, contracts, and

other documents relating to them, made and executed by the said department, before the passing of this act, are and shall be deemed as good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes whatever, as if this section had been inserted in the act hereinbefore cited.

6. The twentieth section of the said act is and shall be interpreted as giving to the revocation made by the commissioner of crown lands, in virtue of the said section, the effect of a full and complete forfeiture of all moneys paid by the purchaser, grantee, occupant or lessee, whether on account of, or in full payment of any sale, grant, location, lease or permit of occupation, or any expenses or improvements laid out or made on the land or lands therein mentioned. The commissioner of crown lands may nevertheless in all such revocations, grant such compensation or indemnity as he may consider just and equitable. The right of revocation so conferred on the commissioner of crown lands, shall not be deemed an ordinary right of dissolution of contract for non-fulfilment of conditions, and shall not be subject to the provisions of article 1537 of the Civil Code, or the rules therein mentioned, and may always be exercised as occasion may require at whatever length of time after the sale, grant, location, lease or permit of occupation.

Revocations under sec. 20 of said act to be deemed to effect a complete forfeiture of the lands.

Proviso.

Art. 1537, c. c.

Provided always, that this present section shall not affect any cases pending or any judgment rendered by any competent court contrary to the preceding provisions.

Proviso.

7. The forty-seventh section of the said act, thirty-second Victoria, chapter eleven, is and shall be interpreted as having, and always having had, the effect of repealing all previous acts respecting the sale and administration of public lands.

Sec. 47 of 32 V. c. 11, interpreted.

8. In addition to the purposes for which the lieutenant-governor in council is authorized to set apart and appropriate crown lands, by the fourteenth section of the act of this province, thirty-second Victoria, chapter eleven, the said lieutenant-governor in council is authorized to set apart and appropriate such of the crown lands, as he may deem proper for any place of public worship, that is to say, a place for the construction of a church or chapel, or the making of a cemetery; provided that, such grants do not exceed fifty acres in any one township, if there is, at the time of making such grant, but one religious denomination in such township sufficiently numerous to benefit by such grant, and one hundred acres to be apportioned between the several denominations where there are more than one, sufficiently numerous as aforesaid.

Sec. 14 of 32 V. c. 11.

Land may be set apart for church or cemetery purposes.

Proviso.

Revocations
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9. Whenever, under the twentieth section of the said act, the commissioner of crown lands shall cancel any sale, grant, location, lease or license, such cancelling shall effect a full and complete forfeiture of all moneys paid by the purchaser, grantee, occupant or lessee, whether in part or full payment, or for any expenses or improvements made; but the said commissioner may, in all such cases, grant such compensation or indemnity as he may consider just and equitable.

Proviso.

Provided that, whenever a location ticket shall have been cancelled, notice thereof shall be given in the *Quebec Official Gazette*, and posted at the door of the church nearest to the lot or lots, the location ticket of which shall have been cancelled; and it shall be lawful for the holder of the said lot or lots within sixty days from the said publication and posting up of the said notice, to appeal to the lieutenant-governor in council, and the commissioner of crown lands shall not dispose of the said lots in favor of any other person, until the said delay is expired or the appeal, if any, is decided.

C A P. I X .

An Act to make further provisions respecting the sale of Woods and Forests.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

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

Limits to be
hereafter
sold by auc-
tion.

1. From and after the passing of this act, all timber limits comprised within the unoccupied territory of the crown, belonging to this province, shall be sold by public auction.

Time, place
and manner of
sale.

2. These sales, which shall be conducted by an officer of the crown lands department or any other person, who shall to that end receive instructions from the commissioner of crown lands, shall be held every year, at the place and in the manner specified in the notice which shall be given in the *Official Gazette*, and in the newspapers to that end specified by an order in council, and which notice shall be published for at least two months previously to the day of sale.

Notice.

What notice
shall contain.
Plan to be de-
posited and
open for in-
spection.

3. Such notice shall contain a description of the limits to be sold, their situation, and the upset price fixed for each, after they shall have been explored and valued, approximately by the department; and there shall also be deposited in the crown lands department or in the office of the

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