

“forfeiture of licenses” in the twenty-third line thereof, act of 1866, amended.
the following: “which he may refuse to grant or rescind.”

2. After the word “division” in the second line of the Gold mining
first section of the Gold Mining Amendment Act of 1870; amendment
and also, after the word “province” in the second line of act 1870, amended.
the second section thereof, the following words are added:
“or owning the mining right in any part of any such divi-
sion in virtue of letters patent heretofore issued.”

CAP. XV

An Act to extend the period during which Aid may be
granted to Colonization Societies.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

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

1. The period of three years from the passing of the Colo- Extension of
nization Societies' Act, which is fixed by the eleventh sec- period fixed by
tion of the said act, as the time during which aid shall be sec. 11, of 22
granted to such societies, is hereby extended, so that such V., c. 14.
aid shall be granted during the period of four years from
the end of the present financial year.

CAP. XVI.

An Act to amend the law relating to Mutual Insur-
ance Companies.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

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

1. It shall be lawful for any mutual insurance company Mutual Insur-
established in and for any county or any two or more ance com-
counties, under the provisions of the act, chapter sixty-eight, panies may
of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, or of any name agents
act amending the same, in availing themselves of the for certain
powers conferred by the third sub-section of the fourth purposes.
section of the said act, to appoint a local agent or agents in
any county or municipality, other than the county or
counties or municipality for which such company has been
established, to receive applications from persons desirous
of becoming members of such insurance company, and ap-
plications made to such agent or agents shall have the
same effect and subject the applicants and the company

to the same responsibilities as like applications now have and do, which are made to a local agent within the county or counties or municipality for which such company is established.

Persons unable to write may sign with their mark before a witness.

2. Notwithstanding any thing contained in the eleventh section of said cited act, any person applying for insurance who cannot write, may sign the application, deposit note, or any other document necessary to be signed by him, with his mark, in the presence of one witness, after such application, deposit note, or other document has been read to him, and it shall be competent for any agent of the insurance company to become such attesting witness, and such signature by a mark made in the presence of a competent witness, shall have the same effect in a court of justice as a signature made in the handwriting in full, of a person capable of writing, and the denial thereof shall be subject to the provisions of article 145 of the code of civil procedure; and the production of such signature attested by a witness shall be *prima facie* evidence, that the application, deposit note or other document has been signed in the manner herein required in presence of a competent witness, unless proved to the contrary.

Such signature to be *prima facie* evidence.

Mutual Insurance Companies may name an expert in case of fire.

3. Whenever it shall appear to the directors of a mutual insurance company, after being notified of any loss or damage by fire having occurred to any property insured, that doubts exist as to whether there has been fraud or misrepresentation in connection with such insurance or the cause of the fire, it shall be lawful for them to name an expert to act under the provisions of the said cited act with other experts to be appointed without offering any sum which they are willing to pay on account of such loss, and without admitting or refusing the claim, and in such case the experts in the manner pointed out by the said act may investigate and report as to whether such claim ought to be admitted either in whole or in part, and if in part to what amount, and the evidence taken in writing by such experts shall accompany such report.

Actions against companies to be instituted in the district where place of business is.

Proviso.

4. And it is hereby declared and enacted that the cause of action based upon a policy of insurance issued by any mutual insurance company established under the said cited act, shall be held to be and to have been in the district wherein such company has its office and general place of business; provided that any suits already instituted and now pending shall be determined as if this act had not been passed.

Application of 24 Vic., cap. 32, sec. 4.

5. Section four of the act twenty-fourth Victoria, chapter thirty-two, shall apply in like manner to companies established under the provisions of the said act, chapter sixty-eight.

This act and

6. This act and the said act, chapter sixty-eight, shall be

deemed to form one act and to be applicable to companies chap. 68, to form one act.
 established under the act twenty-fourth Victoria, chapter thirty-two, in the same manner as the provisions of the said chapter sixty-eight, were applicable to such companies.

CAP. XVII.

An Act to amend "The Cemetery Companies' Incorporation Act of 1870."

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

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

1. The first and the fifth sections of "The Cemetery Companies' Incorporation Act of 1870" are hereby amended by 33 Vict., c. 491 sec. 1, amended. substituting, in the fourth line of the said first section, and in the thirteenth line of the said fifth section the words "twenty-five arpents" for the words "five arpents."

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to encourage the introduction and establishment of new Manufactories in this Province.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

WHEREAS, the introduction and establishment of new Preamble. manufactories in this province, would tend greatly to develop its productive resources, and increase its prosperity : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. For the purpose of encouraging the introduction and establishment of new manufactories of all kinds within its limits, it shall be lawful for any incorporated city, town, or village, through its municipal council, to exempt from all taxes, assessments and municipal imposts whatsoever; for a space of time not exceeding ten years, any manufactory which any individual, commercial firm, or corporation, may undertake to establish within the limits of such municipality, and such exemption shall extend, not only to the buildings and grounds used by such manufactory, but also to all the movables and machines employed in such manufactory, as well as to all articles manufactured therein. Municipal Councils may exempt from taxes manufactories to be established within their limits.

2. Any person desiring to establish a manufactory shall ask or obtain the permission of the municipal council, shall Permission to be obtained from council.

