

furnish police-men for terms of criminal courts.

the provisions of this act, shall be bound, whenever required so to do by the lieutenant-governor in council, to place a certain number, not exceeding thirty of the men of such force, under the control of the sheriff of the district, during each term of the court of Queen's bench holding criminal pleas, and each term of general or quarter sessions of the peace, and during eight days before, and eight days after each such term.

Duties of men so furnished.

52. It shall be the duty of such men :

1. To attend upon the court and to execute all warrants and perform all duties and services in relation thereto which may lawfully be performed by constables ;

2. To perform all duties which may be lawfully performed by constables in relation to the escort and conveyance of convicts and other prisoners, or lunatics, to or from gaols, courts, lunatic asylums and other places ;

How sheriff shall act in case of refusal to furnish said men.

53. If such city or municipality should refuse or neglect to comply with the above provisions of section fifty-one, the sheriff may employ and pay such other men as may be required, and recover the amount of any expenses so incurred by him from such city or municipality, by action before any court of competent jurisdiction, and in default of payment within fifteen days after the judgment rendered in his favor in any such action, he may proceed to levy the same, in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-five.

NAME OF THE ACT.

Short title.

54. This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Quebec Police Act."

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An Act further to amend the law respecting Education in this Province.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

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

School commissioners of Quebec and Montreal after certain formalities may issue bonds to purchase land or build school-houses.
32 V., c. 16, s. 35.

1. Whenever the school commissioners of either of the cities of Quebec or Montreal, shall have determined to lay aside any portion of their revenues for the purchase of land or the construction of one or more school-houses, and shall have obtained the approval of the lieutenant-governor in council for the purpose, as provided in section thirty-five of the statutes of the province of Quebec, thirty-second Victoria, chapter sixteen, the said school commissioners shall notify the city treasurer thereof, and of the amount so de-

terminated to be set aside, and may thereupon issue their bonds for such loan, in such sums, payable at such times, and bearing such rate of interest as to them shall seem advisable, and to the extent that such loan is authorized.

2. It shall be the duty of the city treasurer, on the presentation to him of the said bonds, to acknowledge signification thereof, and he shall thereafter, from year to year, retain, on behalf of the corporation, sufficient of the revenues levied for school purposes, which would become payable to such school commissioners, to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds when they mature, out of which the holders shall be entitled to be paid by the corporation.

City treasurer to reserve funds to meet said bonds.

3. On the amounts so retained the city treasurer shall allow the said school commissioners interest at six per cent per annum, which shall be capitalized annually, for the time the funds shall remain in the custody of the corporation, and shall pay the revenues or accounts so retained, with the accrued interest thereon, in redemption of the bonds as they fall due, accounting to the school commissioners for any remaining surplus or requiring of them payment in case of deficiency.

Interest to be allowed commissioners and to be capitalized.

4. The signature of the city treasurer, acknowledging signification of the bonds respectively, shall be evidence in favor of the holders thereof, that such bonds have been duly authorized, and will be provided for by such sinking fund.

Signature of treasurer to be evidence of legality of bonds.

5. Any agreement not conforming to the foregoing provisions, may be made between the corporation and the school commissioners to regulate the said sinking fund, and the manner in which it may be made up and retained by the corporation; but, if no such agreement is made, the said provisions shall apply; and, in any case, the signature of the city treasurer acknowledging signification of the bonds respectively, shall be evidence in favor of the holders thereof, that such bonds have been duly authorized, and will be provided for out of the sinking fund.

Other terms may be agreed upon, but the treasurer's signature shall be evidence in any case.

6. Notwithstanding section three of the act thirty-second Victoria, chapter sixteen, the council of public instruction for the province of Quebec may, from time to time, with the approval of the lieutenant-governor in council, fix its quorum, and may also, from time to time, with the said approval, fix a different quorum for special meetings to be held for the purposes mentioned in the twenty-second section of chapter fifteen of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, concerning the revocation of diplomas.

32 V. c. 16 s. 3.—Council of Pub. Inst. may fix its ordinary quorum and a different quorum for certain cases.

7. The minister of public instruction or the superintendent of education for the time being, may, from time to time, if sufficient cause is shewn to his satisfaction, alter,

Minister of Pub. Inst. may in certain cases modify his decisions.

repeal or modify any decisions given by him on appeal from the decision of the school commissioners or trustees, under the eighth sub-section of the sixty-fourth section of chapter fifteen of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada.

Sec. 53 of ch.
15, C. S. L. C.
amended.

8. The fifty-third section of chapter fifteen of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada is amended by inserting after the words "in the county of _____," the words "or in the counties of _____" if a municipality is situate partly in several counties.

Sec. 123 of ch.
15, C. S. L. C.
amended.

9. The one hundred and twenty-third section of chapter fifteen of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, is amended by inserting, after the words "circuit court," the following; "or the commissioners' court for the trial of small causes, for the parish or township, or before the magistrates' court of the district, provided the amount does not exceed the lawful jurisdiction of the said courts."

CAP. XXVI.

An Act to provide for the interdiction and Cure of Habitual Drunkards.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the drunkenness of certain heads of families and other persons of full age, and of other persons fully enjoying civil rights in this province, has, heretofore, on many occasions, been the cause of ruin to their families, and of grievous injury as well to their relations as to their creditors; and whereas, in the interests of society, it is necessary for the future to remedy such evils; and whereas experience has shown that drunkards who appear most incurable, may often be reclaimed by a reasonable and regular course of treatment, and that such course of treatment can be efficaciously pursued only in institutions organized for the purpose; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

In what cases
an habitual
drunkard may
be interdicted,
and by what
proceedings.

1. On petition, under oath, presented to any one of the judges of the superior court for Lower Canada, who alone shall have power to act, by any relations, whether of blood or by affinity, or in default of relations, by any friend of any habitual drunkard, setting forth that by reason of such drunkenness, such habitual drunkard either squanders his property, or mis-manages his property, or places his family in trouble or distress, or transacts his business prejudicially to the interests of his family, his friends or his

