

of this Province before persons who at the time of the passing of the said first named Act were Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of such Counties, such persons at the time of taking and receiving such proofs or acknowledgments acting under a belief that they were duly authorized to take and receive the same as they had been accustomed to do before the passing of the said Act; and whereas it is expedient to legalize such proofs or acknowledgments;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,—

1. That all proofs or acknowledgments of Deeds and other instruments for registry under the Registry Acts of this Province made since the passing of the Act of Assembly thirtieth Victoria, Chapter 10, before any person who at the time of the passing of the said last named Act was a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County within which such proofs or acknowledgments were taken, and the registry of such deeds or other instruments thereunder shall be deemed to be from the time of the making thereof, and are hereby declared to be as valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, as if such person at the time of the taking and receiving such proofs or acknowledgments had continued to be a Judge of such Court.

2. That from and after the passing of this Act, any acknowledgment or proof of any deed or other instrument to be registered in any County of this Province under Chapter 112, Title xxx, of the Revised Statutes, 'Of the registry of Deeds and other Instruments,' and any Acts in amendment or addition thereto, may be made before any County Court Judge of this Province, in the same manner and with like effect as if such proofs or acknowledgments had been made before a Judge of Supreme Court.

3. That any Notary Public appointed and resident in this Province shall have full power to take proofs or acknowledgments of any conveyance, deed, or instrument, in like manner as Registrars of Deeds or Members of the Executive or Legislative Council may now do; and that any conveyance, deed or instrument in writing so proved or acknowledged before a Notary Public, and certified by him under his official seal, may be registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in any County in this Province.

4. That all deeds or other instruments affecting the conveyance of lands heretofore registered, the acknowledgment or proof of which shall have been had or taken before any Deputy Registrar, shall be held and taken to have been duly registered; and any Deputy Registrar duly appointed, shall hereafter have as full power and authority to take any proof or acknowledgment of any deed or conveyance as fully and effectually as the Registrar himself.

CAP. IX.

An Act in further amendment of the Law relating to Civic Elections in the City of Saint John.

Sec.	Sec.
1 Elector not to vote unless all taxes are paid.	3 What provision of the law repealed
2 If taxes are not paid, when Elector's name is to be struck off list.	4 Names of exempts from taxes to be retained on lists.
	5 When name may be inserted in list.

Passed 16th March 1868.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. No person shall be entitled to vote at any Civic Election for Mayor, Alderman, or Councillor, for any Ward in the City of Saint John, unless, in addition to his qualification as

a voter, he shall have paid, at least seven days before the day of Election, all rates, taxes and assessments imposed upon him within the City of Saint John during the year then next preceding, as shewn in the Assessment Book or List filed in the Office of the Common Clerk of the City of Saint John.

2. The Receiver of Taxes for the time being for the Eastern side of the Harbour, and the Receiver of Taxes for the time being for the Western side of the Harbour, shall on or before the day previous to the day of Election, strike out from the Lists of Electors prepared under the Law for any Ward in that part of the City for which he is Receiver of Taxes, the name of any person whose taxes have not been so paid; and shall mark on the lists of voters his name, or the initial letters of his name, opposite the name so struck out; and any Commissioner holding any such Election shall not receive the ballot or take or record the vote of any person whose name may have been so struck from the list of voters for non-payment of taxes.

3. The provisions of the Law requiring the voter at any such Election to produce a tax receipt are hereby repealed.

4. Any Fireman or Volunteer who is exempt from payment of taxes, or whose taxes may have been remitted under any Act of Assembly, or Ordinance of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, shall have his name retained in the list of voters as though his taxes had been duly paid.

5. The Common Clerk of the City of Saint John shall not insert in the list or register of voters, the name of any person whose name may have been omitted in making up such list or register, unless in addition to the application now required by Law, the person applying to have his name added shall produce to the Common Clerk a certificate under the hand of the Receiver of Taxes, that the taxes of the person applying have been duly paid at least seven days before the day of Election.

CAP. X.

An Act to authorize the Town of Woodstock to aid further in the construction of the Woodstock Railway, and to authorize the Woodstock Railway Company to give security therefor.

Sec.	Sec.
1 Mortgage by Company to be first charge.	3 If Leases be given by Company, rent to be paid to Town Council.
2 When Mayor, &c., may sell or take possession of property of Company.	4 What Acts are repealed.

Passed 16th March 1868.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the twenty ninth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable the Town of Woodstock to aid the Woodstock Railway Company*, it is amongst other things provided, that the Town Council of the Town of Woodstock may loan the Woodstock Railway Company such sums not exceeding twenty thousand dollars as they might deem advisable, for which said Town should receive bonds or certificates of debt of the Railway Company; and whereas said Woodstock Railway Company have made an application to said Town Council for a loan under said Act, and the rate-payers upon property, by a vote taken on the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, have authorized the said Town Council of the Town of Woodstock to loan the said Railway Company a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in Debentures of said Town, payable in not less than twenty years with interest semi-annually, upon such Railway Company giving said Town Council of the