

General Sessions may be prepared to pay off, specifying the number of such Debentures in such advertisement, and the same by and under such order as aforesaid shall pay off accordingly, and from and after the expiration of such notice the interest on such Debentures shall cease.

8. Provided always, that this Act shall not come into operation, or be in force, until it shall be determined by a majority of the rate-payers in the said County of Albert that they desire that the said Act may be in force, which said determination shall be arrived at in the manner following, that is to say:—Whenever not less than one hundred of the rate-payers on property lying within the said County of Albert, shall apply in writing to the High Sheriff of the said County for the calling of a public meeting of the rate-payers on real or personal estate within the said County of Albert, in order that they may decide as to the propriety of granting aid by subsidy to any Railway Company undertaking to construct the Albert Railway, the Sheriff shall proceed to call such meeting at the Court House in said County, by giving at least two weeks notice in some newspaper published in the said County, or adjoining County, and by posting up printed handbills of the time, place and object of such meeting.

9. The Sheriff of the said County of Albert shall preside at such meeting, and appoint a Clerk, who shall be duly sworn by a Justice of the Peace for the said County faithfully to discharge the duties required by this Act.

10. The Clerk after having read this Act to the meeting, shall proceed to take the names of the persons wishing to vote at such meeting in a book provided for the purpose, entering opposite each name "yea" or "nay" in the different columns; provided however, that no person shall be allowed to vote at such meeting whose name does not appear on the last assessment roll for the Parish in which he then resided, or in which his said property is situated in one of the said Parishes; and for the purposes of this Act, the said Sheriff is authorized and required to procure certified copies of the last assessment roll for each Parish of said County, in order that he may decide who are entitled to vote at such meeting.

11. The said Sheriff shall open the said meeting at eight of the clock in the forenoon, and continue the same until five of the clock in the afternoon, when he shall declare the said meeting closed, and proceed with the said Clerk to count the votes given at such meeting in the different columns, and if he finds a majority of all the votes so given to be in the affirmative, and that the persons voting "yea" represent more than one-half of the valuation of all the property of the rate-payers present and voting at such meeting, he shall duly announce the same and transmit a certificate thereof to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who shall thereupon publish in the Royal Gazette a notice that the foregoing Law is and from thenceforth shall be in full force and effect.

12. The facilities and aid contemplated in the foregoing Sections shall not be made available or given to any Company, unless the said Railway is located to run from some point on the European and North American Railway, in the County of Westmorland, to connect with some shipping port or place of shipment on the Shepody Bay shore in one of the Parishes of Hopewell or Harvey, in the County of Albert.

CAP. LV.

An Act to establish a Polling Place in the Parish of Canning, Queen's County.

Passed 17th May 1871.

WHEREAS the Polling place as established by Act 18th Victoria, Chapter 37, Section fifteen, was established for the Parish of Canning, Queen's County, at or near George W. Hoben's; but the said George W. Hoben having disposed of his property and left the County, and there being no person residing on said property, and therefore there is no Polling place at present established by Law;—

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

That the Polling place in the Parish of Canning, in Queen's

County, at elections for Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province for the said County, shall hereafter be held at or near Charles W. Albright's, in the said Parish, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

CAP. LVI.

An Act in amendment of an Act made and passed in the tenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies," and the Act 29th Victoria, to revive and continue the same.

Sec.	Sec.
1 Societies, how formed and established.	10 Society may receive money on deposit; proviso.
2 Societies may hold real estate, &c.	11 Society may prescribe certain forms of conveyance; where conveyance, &c. shall be filed.
3 Persons forming such Society to be and continue a Corporation.	12 Society may prescribe terms of insurance, entry, sale, &c.
4 Society to have a Corporate seal, and the rights and privileges of a Corporation.	13 Certain existing Societies to receive the benefits of this Act; proviso.
5 Office of Trustees abolished; management of Society vested in Directors.	14 "The St. John Building Society and Investment Fund" to be a Corporation.
6 What the rules of the Society shall specify.	15 "The Provincial Land and Building Society and Savings Fund," to be a Corporation.
7 Shares classified.	16 Inconsistent provisions of former Acts to be deemed amended.
8 When member shall receive interest on his share.	
9 When shares may be capitalized.	

Passed 17th May 1871.

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

1. It shall and may be lawful for any number of persons in this Province to form themselves into and establish Societies for raising by subscriptions of the several members of such Societies, in shares not exceeding the value of four hundred dollars for each share, a stock or fund to enable each member to receive out of the funds of the Society the amount or value of his shares therein, for the purpose of erecting or purchasing one or more dwelling house or houses, or other freehold or leasehold estate, or for any other purpose whatever; and the amount or value of such shares so advanced shall be secured to the Society by mortgage on freehold or leasehold estate of such member, until the amount or value of his shares, with the interest thereon, shall have been fully repaid, as provided by the rules of such Society, together with all fines or liabilities incurred in respect of such shares, as may be provided by such rules.

2. Every such Society now formed or hereafter to be formed shall have the power of purchasing and holding freehold and leasehold estate, of building houses and other structures or erections thereon, and of selling or renting the same, as to such Society or the Directors thereof may be deemed advisable.

3. The persons forming such Society, and all such persons as shall from time to time become, be and continue members thereof, and their several and respective executors, administrators and assigns, shall from the time that the rules of such Society shall be certified or confirmed, and a transcript thereof filed with the Clerk of the Peace as is provided in the said Act for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies, be and continue a Corporation, body corporate and politic, as a Benefit Building Society, by the name and style mentioned in the rules, for the purposes aforesaid.

4. Every such Society shall have a corporate seal, and may receive, take and hold any real and heritable property, lands and tenements, moneys, securities for money, or other obligatory instruments, goods, chattels and effects whatsoever, and give, grant, sell, let, cancel, release or assign the same, and may bring or defend, or cause to be brought or defended, any action, suit, prosecution or proceeding at law or in equity, concerning the property, rights or claims of such Society, and shall have generally all the rights, powers and privileges incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly or otherwise.

5. The offices of Trustee or Trustees in any such Society is hereby abolished; and all real and personal estate, property and effects, and all titles, securities, instruments and eviden-