find that the said habitual drunkard has permanently abandoned his habits of drinking, and is capable of managing his affairs, and that he is not likely to squander or mismanage his property, or place his family in distress, or transacts his business prejudicially to the interests of his family, he may make an order accordingly.

13. The hearing of the application mentioned in the last Section shall be had as near as may be in the manner herein provided for the hearing of the allegations and charges contained in the petition mentioned in the second Section of this Act, and the annulling or superseding order, if any, made on such application, shall not be in force until it has been served on the said Committee and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

14. Upon such order being made, served and filed as provided for in the two last preceding Sections, the real and personal property of the said habitual drunkard shall thereupon revest in him, subject however to all contracts, sales, liens, pledges or incumbrances made or entered into by such Committee.

15. The Judge shall make such order relative to the costs of the proceedings under this Act as to him shall seem just, which costs shall be taxed by the Clerk as near as may be according to the Table of Fees in use in the Supreme Court on the Equity side; and if it appears to the Judge that proceedings taken hereunder by any petitioner are vexatious, the Judge shall order the petitioner to pay costs.

## CAP. XXXV.

An Act relating to the Salary of the Reporter of the Decisions of the Supreme Court.

Passed 10th April, 1875.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,-

That the Reporter of the Decisions of the Supreme Court shall receive annually from the Provincial Treasury, the sum of nine hundred dollars; and that so much of Acts 6th William the Fourth, Chapter 14, twenty seventh Victoria, Chapter 11, and thirtieth Victoria, Chapter 78, as may be inconsistent with this Act, shall be and is hereby repealed.

## XXXVI.

An Act to facilitate the construction of the Grand Southern Railway. Sec. Sec.

- 1 Sessions authorized to borrow money.
- 2 Issue of debentures authorized. 3 Debentures, by whom executed.4 Moneys loaned, to whom paid.
- 5 Interest and principal of money borrowed, how paid. Money borrowed, how applied.
- Facilities of Act not available unless survey of road be made within one year.

Passed 10th April, 1875.

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to grant power to the property holders in certain Parishes in Charlotte County to aid in the construction of the Grand Southern Railway, by the issue of debentures or certificates of debt, with power to levy assessments upon the said Parishes in the said County for the payment of the same, with interest ;-

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

1. The General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Charlotte are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow such sum or sums of money, in loans of not less than one hundred dollars each, not exceeding three thousand dollars in the whole, to be appropriated and applied according to the provisions of this Act.

2. It shall and may be lawful for the said General Session, at any special or regular meeting, to issue debentures, with coupons, at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually to the holder thereof, in such form and at such place or places as the said General or Special Session may deem expedient; which debentures and coupons shall be respectively negotiable in the same manner as promissory notes, payable to the holder or bearer thereof.

3. The debentures shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the said General Sessions, and be signed by the Chairman of the said Sessions, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, and shall be consecutively numbered according to the times at which the same shall be issued, and shall be made payable in not less than three years and not exceeding ten years from the respective dates of issue, at such place or places as the said General or Special

Sessions may deem expedient.

4. All moneys loaned to the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Charlotte under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid by the lenders thereof to the Treasurer of the County of Charlotte, and by him paid to the said Grand Southern Railway Company, or such Company as shall build the said Grand Southern Railway, by order of the said General Sessions at any regular or special meeting; the said County Treasurer holding and paying the same to the said Grand Southern Railway Company, or such other Company as aforesaid, exclusively for the purpose of aiding the survey forthwith of the route of the said Railway.

5. The said General Sessions are hereby authorized, empowered and directed every year, to order, and assess and levy a rate on the whole of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Saint George, Pennfield, and Lepreaux, in Charlotte County, liable to be rated and assessed for any rate or assessment within the said County, of a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the debentures issued under the provisions of this Act; and a further sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as will pay such and so much of the principal sum borrowed as the said General Sessions may deem expedient, besides the charge for assessing and collecting, for the purpose of discharging the principal and interest of the loans contracted by virtue of this Act, until the same shall be paid off; the said several sums to be levied, assessed, collected and paid in the proportions following, that is to say :-

The Parish of Saint George, nine-twelfths of the amount ordered to be assessed under this Act;

The Parish of Pennfield, two-twelfths of the amount ordered to be assessed under this Act;

And the Parish of Lepreaux, one-twelfth of the amount ordered to be assessed under this Act;

And when collected, shall be paid to the County Treasurer for the purpose of paying the said interest, or interest and principal, as the case may be, exclusively for the purposes of this Act.

6. The moneys so assessed shall from time to time be applied in payment of the said debentures, and the interest due thereon; and the said County Treasurer shall, when and so often as he may be directed by the said General Sessions so to do, give one calendar month's public notice by advertisement in the Royal Gazette of this Province, or in some one of the newspapers published in the said County of Charlotte, calling in such and so many of the said debentures, whether due or not, as the said General Sessions may be prepared to pay off, specifying the number of such deben-