

That notwithstanding that the provisions of the General Assessment Act of 1875 may not have been strictly observed in the obtaining of a County valuation, and in the apportionment of the Rates upon the several Parishes, the County and Parish rates, taxes and assessments in the several Counties of the Province for the present year shall be deemed to be valid, but nothing herein shall legalize or make valid any rate, tax, or assessment, which may be bad or defective by reason of any thing other than the matters so as above referred to.

### CAP. VIII.

An Act to authorize the County Councils of the several Municipalities in the Province of New Brunswick to establish several Polling places in each Parish in their respective Municipalities for the election of County Councillors, and to make Bye Laws in relation thereto.

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| Sec.   | Sec.  |
| 1 Polling places, how established.   | 4 District Clerk and Collector of Rates, how appointed; Assessors to make Lists for each District; duty of District Clerk and Collector of Rates. |
| 2 When more than one Polling District is established in Parish, Clerk to specify places of holding Election. |   |
| 3 Council may make Bye Laws relative to Elections; Council to define bounds of Districts.                    |   |

*Passed 13th April 1876.*

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

1. That the County Councils of the several Municipalities in this Province are hereby authorized and empowered at any semi-annual meeting to establish several Polling places in each Parish in their respective Municipalities, for the election of County Councillors in each Parish, within the limits of each Municipality in this Province respectively; and the County Councils of each Municipality are hereby empowered and authorized to make bye laws, rules and regulations to carry out the object and intention of this Act.

2. When the County Council shall establish two or more Polling districts in any Parish, the Town Clerk shall specify in the notice of holding the election (required to be given by him) the place of holding the election in each Polling district.

3. That any County Council in making any bye laws, rules or regulations to carry out the objects of this Act, shall have power and authority to make the time of closing the polls in any Polling district at an earlier hour than four o'clock, but not earlier than one o'clock; and when they establish a Polling district they are required to have the metes and bounds clearly and distinctly defined, at the expense of the Parish in which the same is established, and a copy of the boundary is to be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, and such districts shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with number one.

4. That on the establishment of any Polling district, the County Council shall appoint a District Clerk and a Collector of Rates for the Polling district so established; and the Assessors in making up their assessment list, shall make up a separate assessment list of the ratepayers in each district, and the Collector of Rates for each Polling district shall hand to the District Clerk appointed a list of ratepayers upon property and income who have paid, and also a list of those who have not paid their rates, at least two days before the election of Councillors, who shall furnish the same to the Chairman appointed to hold the election in his district, and the Collector of Rates in each district shall attend the election therein, or appoint a deputy for that purpose; and such Collector

and Deputy shall be required to perform the same duties as a Collector is required to perform in case of their being only one Polling place in the Parish.

### CAP. IX.

An Act to prevent the destruction of Wild Fowl.

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| Sec.  | Sec.   |
| 1 Penalty for killing wild fowl with punt gun; how recovered. | 3 Penalty for setting nets.                    |
| 2 Nets set for catching wild fowl to be destroyed.            | 4 Penalties, when recovered, how appropriated. |

*Passed 13th April 1876.*

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

1. No person shall take or catch with a net or nets, or kill with any device or instrument known as swivel or punt gun, any wild duck, brant or other wild fowl of the game kind, under a penalty of not less than twenty dollars nor more than forty dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered with costs before any two Justices of the Peace of the County in which the offence is committed, under the provisions of any Act now or hereafter in force in this Province relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace on summary convictions; provided always, that the ordinary musket or fowling piece shall not be considered a punt gun or swivel.

2. It shall be lawful for any person finding any net set or placed for the purpose of taking or catching any wild duck or other game birds, to seize and take the same before any Justice of the Peace of the County where the same may be seized, and upon satisfactory proof to the said Justice of the illegal purpose for which the said net was being used when seized as aforesaid, he shall order the same to be destroyed.

3. Any person who shall set any net for the purpose of catching any wild duck or other game bird, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act.

4. One half of every penalty recovered under this Act shall be paid to the informer, and the other half thereof to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish where the offence was committed, to be applied for the benefit of the poor of such Parish.

### CAP. X.

An Act in amendment of the Law relating to the Solemnization of Marriage.

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| Sec.                                      | Sec.                                |
| 1 Governor in Council may grant Licenses. | 2 Sections of former Acts repealed. |

*Passed 13th April 1876.*

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

1. Whenever any person shall make it satisfactorily appear by petition to the Governor in Council that he is a regularly ordained Minister of the denomination of Christians to which he belongs, and is the settled Pastor of a Church or Congregation, and is not engaged in any secular calling, but being an alien cannot solemnize marriage, the Governor in Council may by license under his hand and seal authorize such person to solemnize marriage by license or publication of banns, so long as he shall remain the Pastor of such Church or Congregation.

2. Section one of the Act of Assembly twenty second Victoria, Chapter twenty four, is hereby repealed; but notwithstanding such repeal any licenses heretofore given thereunder,