

58. A majority of the Council shall form a quorum, a less number may adjourn; all questions shall be decided by a majority; the Warden or temporary Chairman may vote with the other members on all questions, and any question on which there is an equality of votes shall be deemed to be negatived; absent members may by bye laws be subjected to penalties for absence.

59. The Warden, on the application of four members, shall call special meetings; the notice shall specify the object thereof, and be posted up in some public place in each Parish, and each Councillor shall be served with a copy thereof personally, or by leaving the same at his residence at least two days before the meeting: In case of absence from the Province of the Warden, or in case of there being no Warden, the Secretary-Treasurer, on the application of five members of the Council, shall call a special meeting in the same manner and for the like purposes as the Warden.

60. All meetings of the Council shall be public, and no person shall be excluded except for improper conduct; but the Warden, or Chairman of the Council for the time being, may expel and exclude any person who may be guilty of improper conduct at such meeting.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

61. The County Council shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation, or, in the case of Counties not heretofore incorporated, may appoint one person to be Secretary and another to be Treasurer of the Corporation, and such officers shall continue in office until others are appointed in their stead; provided that for the period of one year from the organization of the Municipality of Saint John, the Clerk of the Peace and County Treasurer in office at the organization of the Municipality shall be the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Municipality respectively.

62. In case a Secretary and a Treasurer are appointed, the Treasurer shall discharge all the duties by this or any other Act of Assembly imposed upon the Secretary-Treasurer in respect of the receiving, keeping and disbursing of and accounting for the moneys under the control, order or disposition of the County Council, or which were heretofore accustomed to be imposed on the Treasurer of unincorporated Counties; and the Secretary shall discharge all other duties imposed upon the Secretary-Treasurer by this or any other Act of Assembly; and in case any doubt should arise as to the distribution of the functions of the Secretary-Treasurer between the Secretary and the Treasurer, the County Council may by bye law define the respective duties of said officers in respect to the matters so in doubt.

63. The Secretary-Treasurer, and in case of the severance of the office, the Secretary and the Treasurer, may appoint a deputy, and such officer and his bondsmen shall be liable and responsible for all acts and defaults of his deputy, provided that the consent of the bondsmen to the appointment shall first be obtained and testified by such consent being endorsed on the bond and signed by them.

64. The Council at their first semi-annual meeting in each year, and in the case of Counties not heretofore incorporated, the Council at the meeting held on the organization of the Municipality, and thereafter at the first semi-annual meeting in each year, shall appoint a County Auditor, who shall not be a member of the Council or hold any other office under the Council, or have any interest in any contract with the Coun-

cil or be employed by them; before acting he shall take and subscribe the oath (G) in the Schedule.

65. No person shall be eligible to be appointed to any County office unless he is a ratepayer upon real or personal property or income in the County, and shall have paid his rates for the year previous; and the term "rates for the year previous" shall mean the County and Parish rates (including County School rates) last assessed, and by the Assessors ordered to be collected.

PARISH OFFICERS.

66. As many of the following Parish officers as may be deemed necessary, shall be annually appointed at the first semi-annual meeting in January by the County Council, in and for every Parish now or hereafter to be erected:—Three Overseers of the Poor, two or more Constables, three Commissioners of Roads, one or more Collector of Rates, one Parish Clerk, two or more Fence Viewers, two or more Pound Keepers, one Clerk of the Market, two or more Hog Reeves, two or more Boom Masters, one or more Surveyors of Dams, one or more Surveyors of Grindstones, three Assessors of Rates, three or more Surveyors of Roads, one or more Field Drivers, one or more Timber Drivers, one or more Weighers of Hay and Straw, one or more Measurers of Salt, one or more Measurers of Wood or Bark, one or more Inspectors of Barrels, one or more Weighers of Coal, and one or more, not exceeding, three Commissioners to expend the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the bye roads, who shall be styled Bye Road Commissioners, and as many Firewards and Wharfingers as may be deemed necessary, but no Overseers of the Poor shall be appointed for any Parish where by law the whole care of the poor of such Parish is vested in Commissioners or any authority other than Overseers of the Poor.

67. Three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, and one Collector, shall be annually elected by the French inhabitants only, in and for the Parishes of Dorchester, Shediac, and Moncton respectively, in the County of Westmorland, for the purpose of assessing and collecting the Poor rates upon the French inhabitants of the said Parishes respectively, and maintaining the French poor therein; and the County Council of Westmorland shall have power by bye law to regulate the manner of conducting such elections.

68. No Overseers of the Poor shall be appointed in the Parishes of Saint Stephen, Saint George, or Saint David, in the County of Charlotte, but in lieu thereof, not less than three nor more than five Commissioners shall be annually appointed in each Parish, who shall be known as "The Commissioners of the Alms House in the Parish of _____," and no Overseers of the Poor shall be appointed for the Parish of Saint Andrews, in the said County of Charlotte, but not less than three nor more than seven Commissioners shall be annually appointed by the Council, who shall be Commissioners of the Alms House for the Parish of Saint Andrews.

69. No person shall be eligible to be appointed to any Parish office unless he is a ratepayer upon real or personal property or income in the Parish for which he is appointed, and shall have paid his rates for the year previous, and the term "the rates of the year previous" shall mean the County and Parish rates (including County School rates) last assessed, and by the Assessors directed to be collected.

70. In case the Council should at the first semi-annual meeting in any year neglect to appoint Parish officers for