

"Provided also, that in cases where the council of any city or town shall decide to contribute at least half of the cost of such local improvement, it shall be lawful for the said council to assess and levy in manner provided by the 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th and 305th sections of this Act, from the owners of real property to be directly benefited thereby, the remaining portion of such cost without petition therefor, unless the majority of such owners representing at least one-half in value of such property shall, within one month after the publication of a notice of such proposed assessment in at least two newspapers published in such city or town, petition the council against such assessment."

13. Sub-section 12 of section 341 of said Act is repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

"It shall be the duty of County Councils to erect and maintain bridges over rivers forming township or county boundary lines; and in the case of a bridge over a river forming a boundary line between a county and a city, such bridge shall be erected and maintained by the Councils of the county and city; and in case the Councils of such county or city, or the Councils of such counties, fail to agree on the respective portions of the expense to be borne by the several counties, or city and county, it shall be the duty of each Council to appoint arbitrators, as provided by this Act, to determine the amount to be so expended, and such award as may be made shall be final."

14. The following sub-section is added to section 280 of said Act:

"Whenever any stream or creek in any township is cleared of all logs, brush or other obstructions to the town line between such township and any adjoining township into which such stream or creek flows, the Council of the township in which the creek or stream has been cleared of obstructions may serve a notice in writing on the head of the Council of the adjoining township into which the stream or creek flows, requesting such Council to clear such stream or creek through their municipality; and it shall be the duty of such last named Council, within six months after the service of the notice as aforesaid, to enforce the removal of all obstructions in such creek or stream within their municipality to the satisfaction of any person whom the Council of the county in which the municipality whose Council received the notice is situate shall appoint to inspect the same."

15. Section 243 of the said Act is amended, by adding "or thirty duly qualified electors of any municipality" after the word "council" in the first line.

16. Any by-law which shall be carried by a majority of the duly qualified voters voting thereon, shall, within six weeks thereafter, be passed by the Council which submitted the same."

17. Section 27 of the said Act is repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"In case of a township laid out by the Crown in territory forming no part of an incorporated county, the Lieutenant-Governor may, by proclamation, annex the township, or two or more of such townships, lying adjacent to one another to any adjacent incorporated county."

18. Section 153 of the said Act is amended by inserting after the word "aforesaid" in the first line, the following words: "as well as the assessment rolls, voters' lists, poll books, and other documents in the possession of or under the control of the clerk."

19. Sections 29 and 35 of chapter thirty of the Act passed by the Legislature of Ontario in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

*An Act to amend the Assessment Act of Ontario, passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty, chaptered thirty-six.*

(Assented to 15th February, 1871.)

Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. That sub-section 25 of section 9 of the Act passed in the 32nd year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered 36, be repealed.

2. That sec. 84 of the said Act be amended by inserting after the word "township" in the first line, the words "town or village."

3. That sec. 86 of the said Act be amended by inserting after the word "townships," "towns and villages."

4. That sec. 150 of the said Act be amended by erasing the letter "B" in the second line, and inserting therefor the letter "C."

*An Act relative to Unpatented Lands sold for Taxes.*

(Assented to 15th February, 1871.)

Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. Whenever the proper officer or officers having by law the power or authority to make or execute deeds on sales of lands for taxes shall heretofore have made or executed, or shall hereafter make or execute any deed purporting to grant, sell or convey any land or portion of land, the fee of which is in Her Majesty, or purporting to grant, sell or convey the interest therein of any locatee or purchaser from the Crown, and such deed shall recite or purport to be based upon a sale for taxes of such land or interest, the Commissioner of Crown Lands may act upon and treat such deed as a valid transfer of all the right and interest of the locatee or purchaser from the Crown, and of every person claiming under him, in, or to such land or portion of land to the grantee named in such deed, and may cause a patent for such land to be issued to such grantee on completion of the original conditions of location or sale, unless such deed shall be questioned before a court of competent jurisdiction by some person interested in such land within three months after the passing of this Act, or within three months after the making of such deed, and unless notice of such