

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

ADAMAS TO SUPERIOR COURT BILL 7.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Superior Criminal Courts and order of Addresses to Jury).

R.S., c. 36.

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Paragraph (b) of subsection thirty-eight of section two of the *Criminal Code*, chapter thirty-six of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

Superior Court of criminal jurisdiction.

“(b) in the Province of Quebec a Judge of the Sessions of the Peace.”

2. Section nine hundred and forty-four of the said Act is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:—

Right of accused to close case.

“944. After the hearing of evidence of both prosecutor and defence, and all necessary evidence in rebuttal, parties may address the jury either personally or by counsel in the following order:—

- (a) the prosecution,
(b) the defence.

The presiding judge shall then state the case to the jury, directing them in law, but without commenting on facts, which shall be left to the entire discretion and appreciation of the said jury.”