

## THE ONTARIO VOTERS' LISTS ACT.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1904, contains the following amendments to The Ontario Voters' Lists Act :

1. (1) Section 61 of The Ontario Voters' Lists Act is amended by striking out the word "annually" in the second line and substituting the word "biennially" therefor.

(2) The said section is further amended by adding thereto the following words : "provided that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by proclamation direct that voters' lists for the unorganized territory or for any specified electoral district therein shall be prepared at an earlier date than that herein directed, and shall so direct when an election is about to be held and the voters' list to be used thereat would otherwise be at the date of such election more than one year old."

2. Section 63 of The Ontario Voters' Lists Act is amended by inserting after the word "convenient" in the second line the words "but not later than the 1st day of July."

3. Section 74 of The Ontario Voters' Lists Act is repealed and the following is substituted therefor :

"Unless and until a new voters' list has been prepared and certified under this or some other Act of the Legislature of this Province the voters' list last prepared and certified as aforesaid shall at any election to the Legislative Assembly be the lawful voters' list for the polling sub-divisions to which such voters' lists are applicable."

## THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1904, makes the following amendments to this Act :

54. Section 12 of The Public Libraries Act is amended by striking out the words "first day of April" and substituting the words "fifteenth day of February" therefor.

55. Sub-section 1 of section 4 of The Public Libraries Act is amended by inserting after the word "property" in the eighth line the words "and by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the council may increase such rate to an amount not exceeding in the whole three-fourths of a mill on the dollar."

56. (1) Sections 15 and 22 of The Public Libraries Act are amended by adding the following proviso at the end of each of the said sections :

"Provided, however, that the board may impose such fee as seems proper on any non-residents who may desire to use the library, reading-room and museum."

(2) Sub-section 1 of section 11 of the said Act is amended by inserting after the word "public" in the third line of the said sub-section the words "and non-residents."

## TRACTION ENGINES.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1904, introduces the following amendment to chapter 242, R. S. O., 1897 :

60. Sub-section 3 of section 10 of The Act to authorize and regulate the use of traction engines on highways as enacted by section 43 of The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1903, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following words and proviso, "of less than eight tons in weight" :

"Provided however that before crossing any such bridge or culvert it shall be the duty of the person or persons proposing to run an engine or machinery mentioned in any of the sub-sections of this section to lay down on such bridge or culvert planks of such sufficient width and thickness as may be necessary to fully protect the flooring or surface of such bridge or culvert from any injury that might otherwise result thereto from contact of the wheels of such engine or machinery; and in default thereof the person in charge and his employer, if any, shall be liable to the municipality for all damage resulting to the flooring or surface of such bridge or culvert as aforesaid."

## THE JURORS' ACT.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1904, contains the following amendments to The Jurors' Act (R. S. O., 1897, chapter 61) :

17. (1) Sub-section 1 of section 11 of The Jurors' Act is amended by adding after the word "Treasurer" in the third line thereof the words "of the county and the treasurer of any such city."

(2) Sub-section 2 of section 11 of The Jurors' Act is amended by adding after the word "city" in the fourth line thereof the words "the treasurer of the county and the treasurer of the said city" and by adding after the word "warden" in the seventh line thereof the words "and treasurer" and adding after the word "mayor" in the twelfth line thereof the words "and treasurer."

## AN ACT RESPECTING HOUSES OF REFUGE

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :

## Agreements for Extending Sewerage System to House of Refuge.

1. The council of any county and the council of any city or town within such county may from time to time enter into agreements for connecting any house of refuge, house of industry or industrial farm heretofore or hereafter established by the council of such county with the sewerage system of such city or town, and may pass all by-laws and do all things necessary to carry every such agreement into effect.

## Contracts for Supplying Water and Electric Light and Power.

2. The council of any county may contract with any municipal corporation, company or individual owning or operating a waterworks system in any city or town, or any plant producing and supplying electricity for light, heat or power in such city or town, for the supply of water for domestic purposes and for fire protection, and of electricity for lighting and power purposes at the said house of refuge, house of industry or industrial farm, or for either of such services as the council of such county may see fit.

## Power to Carry Necessary Works Over Intervening Lands

3. For the purpose of connecting such house of refuge, house of industry or industrial farm with such sewerage or waterworks system or electrical works the corporation of such county and the officers, servants, agents or workmen of such county may enter upon and pass over any lands and roads lying between such house of refuge, house of industry or industrial farm and such city or town; and may dig up such lands and roads, and may construct sewers and lay down any pipes and place all necessary poles and wires, and do all necessary work in or upon such intervening lands and roads. but the corporation of such county shall pay to any owner of such lands or roads due compensation, and such compensation in default of agreement shall be determined by arbitration in the manner provided by *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*.

## Assent of Electors to Borrowing for House of Refuge not Required.

4. Notwithstanding anything in *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, contained, it shall not be necessary for the council of any county to submit to the electors or to obtain the assent of the electors to any by-law for providing for the issue of debentures for the purchase of a site or the erection of buildings for a house of refuge, a house of industry or industrial farm or for the construction of the works authorized by this Act unless the amount to be raised under such by-law with the amount, if any, theretofore raised by the issue of debentures for the said purposes or any of them will exceed in the whole the sum of \$40,000.

## THE DITCHES AND WATERCOURSES ACT.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1904, makes the following amendments to chapter 285, R. S. O., 1897 :

62. Section 16 of The Ditches and Watercourses Act is amended by inserting therein as sub-section 2a the following :

2a. The period prescribed for the engineer to make his award shall be exclusive of the time required to obtain the approval of the works or the specifications or plans thereof by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada where such approval is necessary.

63. Sub-section 8 of section 22 of The Ditches and Watercourses Act is amended by inserting after the word "proceedings" in the fourth line of the said sub-section the words "or has neglected his duty."

## THE MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE ACT.

The following amendments to this Act are made by The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1904 :

51. Section 76 of The Municipal Drainage Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following :

"Any such drainage work constructed out of the general funds of one or more municipalities or out of funds raised by local assessment under a by-law which is afterwards found to be illegal, may in like manner and under the like procedure as provided in the case of repairs under this section be deepened, widened or extended, including a new outlet for the whole or any part thereof."

52. Section 80 of The Municipal Drainage Act is amended by inserting therein after the words "in default of" in the eighth line the words "such consent or."