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Montreal Provident and Savings Bank .-- (Passed 10th Page. August, 1850.)

This Act provides that full inquiry shall be made into the causes which led to the failure of the Institution mentioned in the Title, and to its inability to meet tho just claims of those who have deposited money in it: for this purpose three Commissioners are to be appointed by the Governor for the purpose of making the said inquiry and reporting to him, with full power to call before them and examine on oath all persons being or having been Officers of the Institution, and others, and of competing their attendance and the production of books and papers in their custody; except that no person is bound to answer any question which might make him liable to a criminal prose-cution. Two Commissioners may act.

SILVERTHORN, Dam across River Thames .- Cap. 90 1451

- An Act to authorize Aaron Silverthorn and Newman Silverthorn, their heirs or assigns, to erect a Dam across the River Thames -(Passed 10th August, 1850.) The parties montioned in the Title are empowered to build a Dam across the River Thames, at Kerby's Point,
- in the Gore of Camden, in the United Counties of Essex and Kent, observing the precautions and method of construction provided in the Act, so as not to obsruct the passage of raits or the ascent of fish. The Act may be repeated if the public interest should require it. ST. HYACINTHE, Incorporation of.—Cap. 105. An Act to pravide more fully for the incorporation of
- Village of St. Hyacinthe .-- (Passed 10th August, 1850.) This Act provides more elaborately for the incorporation
 - of the Village of St. Hyacinthe than the general Municipal Act for Lower Canada, (10 & 11 V. c. 7) under which only it was previously incorporated. The order and general purport of the enactments are as follows: The Corporation is established with the usual corporate powers. The limits of the Town are defined; and it is divided into four wards, the limits of each of which are also defined ; for three of the said wards, two Councillors are to be elected, and one for the fourth, so that the whole number will be seven ; they are to retire alternately from office, so that no Councillor will remain in office more than two years. They are to be elected by the male freeholders of the place having real property therein to the amount of twenty shillings, yearly value, and the male householders paying a rent of not less than five pounds yearly. The usual provisions are made for holding the first and other elections, polling the votes, &c. The Counciliors elect the Mayor from among themselves. Neither the Mayor nor the Councillors are to have any Salary or Emolument. Persons elected Councillors and refusing to serve, are subject to a fine of £5. The rates which the Council may impose in any one year are limited to a penny in the pound on the assessed value of all taxable property in the Town, which value they are to cause to be assessed as soon as possible after the passing of this Act, and once in every three years afterwards. The property subject to taxation is, - all real property not specially exempted, horses, cows and horned cattle, and carriages, on each kind of which a fixed value is placed by the Act: and the Stock in trade of Merchants and Shopkeepers to the extent of one farthing in the pound on the assessed value thereof; and the Seigniors are to be liable to a tax of one fortieth of their receipts; and untaxed males over 21 to an annual rate of from 2s. 6d. to 5s. The property of Her Majesty and other public property is exempted from taxation. Special enactments are made as to the appointment (by the Council) of the assessors and the mode in which their duties are to be performed. Power is given to the Council to make By-laws for the usual purposes: including the power to impose special rates not exceeding a penny in the pound yearly, on persons exercising certain callings, and of fixing the price and weight of bread. No By-law is to impose a penalty exceeding five pounds, and provision is made for recovering such

penalty, and also the amount of any taxes in arrears, Page. for which real property may be sold when such arrears amount to six years. The Council is to have the power of deciding contested election cases, and may expel or fine members for misbehaviour. The Council may borrow money, but to an amount not exceeding five hundred pounds, for the purpose of erecting, Markets, &c. Power is given to acquire property for that and like purposes. The Act L. C. 10 & 11 G. 4, c. 42, establishing a Market at St. Hyacinthe, is repealed. The Council are to have the sole power of granting Certificates for Licenses to keep Houses of Public Entertainment within the Town.

- ST. JEAN Baptiste Society, Quebec.—Cap. 126 An Act to amend an Act intituled, "An Act to incorporate La Société SI. Jean Baptiste de la Cité de Qué-bec.—(Passed 24th July, 1850.) The Act amended is 12 V. c. 148. The 3d and 7th
 - sections of the said Act are repealed; and the Officers of the Society are hereafter to be, a President, Assistant President, Six Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer and three Sub-Treasurers, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Marshal, an Assistant Marshal and six under Secretaries, and such other Officers as the Corporation may think it necessary to appoint ; and the affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by a Committee of Management consisting of the said Officers and fifteen associate Members, to be elected annually, at a general meeting to be called in a certain manner. The actual Officers are confirmed in office until others are elected in their stead.
- ST. JOHN'S Academy.-Cap. 124..... An Act to incorporate the St. John's Academy .- (Passed
- 10th August, 1850.) This Act is in the usual form adopted in many instances for the incorporation of like institutions in Lower Five Gentlemen resident in the Parish of St. John, and the Rector (Curé) of the same are incorporated with the usual powers by the name of The St. John's Academy ; the real property they may hold is limited to the value of £600 a year, the income from which is to be devoted strictly to educational purposes, including the construction and maintenance of proper buildings. The members named in the Act are to serve for five years certain, and longer if they please ; but when vacancies occur they are to be filled by members to be elected by the remaining members according to the By-laws of the Corporation. ST. PATRICK'S Church, Quebec.—Cap. 125.
- An Act to facilitate the recovery of sums due for rent of Pews in St. Patrick's Church, Quebec.-(Passed
 - 10th August, 1850.) The sole object of this Act is to enable the Committee of Management of the said Church, to sue for and recover in the name of the Church, sums due for the rent of pews therein ; and to facilitate the proceedings in any suits to be brought by them by providing that it shall not be necessary to allege or prove certain special matters relative to the appointment of the Members of the Committee, &c.

TAVERN Licenses in Montreal.-Cap. 94..... An Act to appropriate the moneys arising from duties on Tavern Licenses in the County and City of Montreal, towards defraying the cost of the New Court House to be erected in the City of Montreal .- (Passed

10th August, 1850.) After reciting the necessity of providing more ample funds for defraying the cost of the Court House to be erected in Montreal, under 12 V. c. 112, this Act appropriates for that purpose all moneys arising from the duties on Tavern Licenses arising in the City and County of Montreal, and directs the manner in which they shall be paid and accounted for.

TELEGRAPH, British N. A. Electric .- Cap. 119 An Act to extend the period for completing the Tele-

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