

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN ACT, 1867.

POWER TO APPOINT DEPUTIES.

SECTION 14.—It shall be lawful for the Queen, if Her Majesty thinks fit, to authorize the Governor General from time to time to appoint any person or persons jointly or severally to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part or parts of Canada, and in that capacity to exercise during the pleasure of the Governor General such of the powers, authorities, and functions of the Governor General as the Governor General deems it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them, subject to any limitations or directions expressed or given by the Queen; but the appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies shall not affect the exercise by the Governor General himself of any power, authority or function.

THE PARDONING POWER.

For a number of years the Prisoners' Aid Association has been urging the Dominion Government to grant the pardoning power to the Province of Ontario so that youths in the Reformatory may be pardoned or paroled without reference to federal authority. This privilege was extended to Quebec in 1886, as will be seen from the following:

CHAPTER 183, CON. S. C. PUBLIC AND REFORMATORY PRISON.

Part III.—QUEBEC. Section 51. "The Lieutenant-Governor may, at any time, in his discretion, order that any offender (under sixteen years of age) detained in such reformatory school, under a summary conviction, be discharged."