

executed; to prepare all certificates upon which any warrant is to issue; to keep minutes of all the proceedings of the Department, to prepare reports, and to conduct, under the direction of the Minister, the correspondence of the Department, and generally, to do and perform all such acts and things pertaining to the business of the Department, as he may from time to time be directed to do and perform by the Minister; and a copy of any map, plan or other document in the custody and charge of the Secretary, certified by him as a true copy, shall be held to be authentic, and shall be *prima facie* of the same legal effect as the original, in any Court or elsewhere.

Copies of documents certified by him to be authentic.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to prepare maps, plans, and estimates for all Public Works which are about to be constructed, altered or repaired by the Department; to report for the information of the Minister, on any question relating to the Public Works which may be submitted to him; to examine and revise the plans, estimates and recommendations of other Engineers and officers, and generally to advise the department on all engineering questions affecting the public works of the Dominion.

Duties of Chief Engineer.

7. No deeds, contracts, documents or writings shall be deemed to be binding upon the Department or shall be held to be acts of the said Minister, unless signed and sealed by him or his deputy, and countersigned by the Secretary.

What acts only shall bind the Department.

8. All actions, suits and other proceedings at law or in equity, for the enforcement of any contract, agreement, or obligation in respect of any public work, building, or property under the control of the Department, shall be instituted in the name of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Canada.

Actions for enforcing contracts, &c.

9. The Governor may from time to time require any person or corporation, or any provincial authority, having the possession or custody of any maps, plans, specifications, estimates, reports or other papers, books, drawings, instruments, models, contracts, documents or records, not being private property, and relating to any public work, building or property which is now or which may hereafter be placed under the control of the Department of Public Works, to deliver the same without delay to the Secretary of the Department.

Recovering possession of maps, plans, &c., relating to Public Works.

10. The Canals, Locks, Dams, Hydraulic Works, Harbors, Piers and other works for the improving the navigation of any water,—the slides, dams, piers, booms and other works for facilitating the transmission of timber,—the roads and bridges, the public buildings, the railways and rolling stock thereon, the vessels, dredges, scows, tools, implements and machinery for the improvement of navigation,—the Provincial Steamers, and all other property heretofore acquired, constructed, repaired, maintained or improved at the expense either of the late

What works shall be under the control of the Department.