

17. The President of the General Council shall not vote except in Casting vote. case of an equality of votes, and then he shall have the casting vote at all deliberative meetings of the General Council.

OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

5 18. In all cases where a member of the Bar is accused of any offence and of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, before the Council of the section to which he belongs, the accusation shall be decided by the absolute majority of the members of the Council of the section. Accusations against members.

10 19. The manner of proceeding on all accusations brought by the Syndic shall be as follows : Proceedings thereon.

2. Whenever the Syndic receives, on the oath of one or more credible persons, (which oath the said Syndic shall administer,) a complaint against any member of his section, affecting the honor, dignity, interests or duties of the profession, he shall submit the said complaint, without delay, to a meeting of the Council specially called for the purpose, and if it is considered by the Council, that the matter requires investigation, he shall order an accusation to be brought against such member ;

20 3. The Syndic shall then draw up the act of accusation in the form of Schedule No. 2, hereunto annexed, which said act shall be transmitted to the Secretary, who shall cause a copy thereof to be made, duly certified by him, and shall serve the said copy on the accused party, with an order in the name of the Bâtonnier of the section, 25 requiring the said accused party to appear in person before the Council, on the day and at the hour and place mentioned in the said order which said order shall be in the form of Schedule No. 3, hereunto annexed ;

4. The service of the act of accusation and of the order to appear, 30 shall be made by a messenger appointed for that purpose who shall deliver copies thereof to the accused party in person, and the said messenger shall make a return on oath (to be administered by the Secretary of the section) of such service ;

5. All proceedings relating to accusations made before Councils of 35 sections as aforesaid, shall be in writing, and the Secretary of such section shall be bound to take detailed notes of the testimony heard, which notes and proceedings, or any copy thereof, shall be received as valid proof before the General Council, and in any Court of Law in Lower Canada ; and all such documents of procedure shall be made 40 up into one record ready for transmission to the General Council in case of appeal, and to be returned to the Council of the section after the rendering of final judgment ;

6. The General Council shall determine by its by-laws the manner in which the proceedings relative to the said accusations shall be conducted 45 before the said Councils of sections.

20. Each Council shall have the right to require witnesses to appear before it by *subpœnas* in the form of Schedule No. 4, hereunto annexed, in the name of the Bâtonnier, under the seal of the section, and signed by the Secretary, and shall have the same powers with respect to 50 compelling the attendance of witnesses to give evidence as are exercised by the Civil Courts in Lower Canada, and the *subpœnas* or other Council may summon witnesses.