

Additional Municipal Legislation.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1903 contains the following provisions, which relate to municipal matters and are worthy of attention :

UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES TO BE BODIES CORPORATE.

7. Sub-section 1 of section 15 of *The Agriculture and Arts Act* is hereby amended by adding after the word "organized" in the second line of the said sub-section the words "And all Union Societies now or hereafter formed under section 23 of this Act"

8. Sub-section 1 of section 23 of *The Agriculture and Arts Act* is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:—"The Societies so uniting shall form a Union Society having all the powers conferred by this Act upon a Township or District Society, and the members of the societies so uniting shall become members of the Union Society."

AID TO AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES IN CITIES ABOLISHED.

9. Sub-section 1 of section 45 of *The Agriculture and Arts Act* is amended by striking out the words "in case of a city \$3,000" occurring in the 12th line of the said sub-section.

JURY PROCESS.

14. Sub-section 2 of section 66 of *The Jurors' Act* is repealed, and sub-section 1 of the said section is amended by inserting after the word "jurors" in the 7th line thereof the words "as in their opinion are required or."

TIME FOR COUNTY SELECTORS TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF PETIT JURORS TO BE DRAFTED ETC.

15. Section 52 of *The Jurors' Act* is amended by inserting after the word "resolution" in the first line of the said section the words "to be passed at the meeting provided for by section 13."

POWER TO SUPPLY VACANCIES ON BOARDS OF ARBITRATION.

16. Section 8 of *The Arbitration Act* is repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

8. Where a submission provides that the reference shall be to two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party, or where a submission provides that the reference shall be to three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party and the third to be appointed by such two arbitrators or by any other person or in any other manner, or where a third arbitrator has been appointed under this Act, then unless the submission expresses a contrary contention.

(a) If either of the arbitrators appointed by the parties refuses to act, or is incapable of acting, or dies, the party appointing him may appoint a new arbitrator in his place.

(b) If either party fails to appoint an arbitrator either originally or after an arbitrator appointed by him refuses to act, or is incapable of acting, or dies, in substitution for such arbitrator for seven clear days after the other party, having appointed his arbitrator, has served the party making default with notice to make the appointment the Court or a Judge may on application by the party who gave the notice appoint an arbitrator who shall have the like powers to act in the reference and to make an award as if he had been duly appointed by the party, so in default. The Court or Judge upon the hearing of such application upon such terms as may be deemed proper, may permit the party in default to appoint an arbitrator to act for him.

(c) If a third arbitrator refuses to act or is incapable of acting or dies, a new third arbitrator may be appointed in the same manner as the third arbitrator was originally appointed, for the Court or a Judge may upon the application of either party appoint a third arbitrator who shall have the like power to act in the reference and make an award as if he had been appointed by consent of all parties.

DEPUTY OR SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATES IN CITIES OF OVER 30,000 MAY PRACTICE AS BARRISTERS OR SOLICITORS.

19. Sub-section 2 of section 36 of the *Act Respecting Police Magistrates* is amended by adding thereto the words "but this sub-section shall not apply to a deputy or second police magistrate."

PAYMENT OF TAXES BY COLLECTOR INTO CHARTERED BANK.

40.—Sub-section 1 of section 19 of *The Act to make better provision for keeping and auditing Municipal and School Accounts* is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor :

19.—(1) The council of any municipality may by by-law direct that moneys payable to the municipality for taxes or rates, and upon such other accounts as may be mentioned in the by-law, shall be by the collector of taxes or by the person charged with the payment thereof paid into such chartered bank as the council may by such by-law direct, to the credit of the treasurer of the municipality, and in such case the person making the payment shall obtain a receipt from the bank therefor and produce the same to the municipal treasurer, who shall make the proper entries therefor in the books of the municipality.

SPECIAL RATE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY PURPOSES.

41.—(1) Sub-section 2 of section 14 of *The Public Libraries Act* is amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and such further rate as may be necessary to raise the moneys required to pay the annual interest and sinking fund on moneys to be hereafter borrowed for the purpose of acquiring a site or sites or of purchasing or erecting buildings."

(2) Sub-section 3 of said section 14 is amended by striking out all the words in said sub-section prior to and including the word "buildings" in the fourth and fifth lines, and inserting in lieu thereof the words—"In case any public library board requires the council to raise as provided in this Act any money for the purpose of acquiring a site or sites or purchasing or erecting buildings, which money, together with the amount required for the expense of maintaining and managing the libraries, reading-rooms or classes under their control and of making any purchases required therefor would involve the levy in any one year of a rate greater than one-quarter of a mill on the dollar, in the case of cities with over 100,000 population, or greater than one-half of a mill on the dollar in the case of other municipalities."

(3) Sub-section 4 of said section 14 is amended by adding after the word "purpose" in the fifth line of said sub-section the words "of acquiring a site or sites, or."

(4) The said section 14 is further amended by adding the following sub-section thereto :

(8) Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, the council of any city having a population of over 100,000 inhabitants may, if the council so determine, submit to the electors qualified to vote on money by-laws, any by-law for raising money for acquiring a site or sites for a public library or for purchasing or erecting buildings, and if so submitted the council shall not be required to pass such by-law until it has been approved of by a majority of such electors voting thereon.

AMENDMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND HEAT ACT.

42. Section 14 of *The Municipal Light and Heat Act* is amended by inserting after the word "Act" in the second line the words "and the amendments thereto heretofore or hereafter passed."

THRESHING ENGINES, ETC., NOT WITHIN MEANING OF ACT TO REGULATE USE OF

TRACTION ENGINES ON HIGHWAYS.

43. Section 10 of *The Act to authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways* is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

(3) The two preceding sub-sections shall not apply to engines used for threshing purposes or for machinery in construction of roadways.

MAJORITY OF SHAREHOLDERS IN ROAD COMPANY TO BIND COMPANY.

58. Sub-section 1 of section 8 of *The Toll Roads Expropriation Act, 1901*, is amended by adding thereto the following words:

And in the case of any toll road owned by an incorporated company the shareholders thereof may by resolution in that behalf at a special general meeting called for the purpose authorize the sale of the

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