

length. One result of these Acts will be seen by looking at Act No. 95 *infra*.

17. *An Act* respecting Affidavits, Declarations and Affirmations, made out of the Province for use therein.

We publish this in another page of this number.

27. *An Act* to empower the trustees under the will of the late Joseph Bitterman Spragge to sell certain lands in the township of Blenheim and County of Oxford.

We have referred to this under No. 14.

33. *An Act* respecting Commissioners of Police.

The purport of this Act appears in the preamble, which recites that by 31 Vic., cap. 73rd, the Governor-General in Council is authorized to appoint one or more fit and proper persons to be and act as a Commissioner or Commissioners of Police within one or more of the Provinces of Canada; and it is desirable and expedient the better to enable such Commissioner or Commissioners of Police so appointed to execute the Criminal Laws of the Dominion, that they should have proper criminal jurisdiction granted to them within this Province, &c.

48. *An Act* to amend Chapter Eighty Five of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada intituled, "An Act respecting the conveyance of Real Estate by Married Women," and the Act passed in the thirty second year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter nine, intituled, "An Act to amend the Registry Act, and to further provide as to the certificates of married women, touching their consent as to the execution of deeds of conveyance.

This Act will be found on another page.

71. *An Act* to enable Sullivan Caverno to convey certain Lands in the County of Welland.

This we have referred to under number 14.

78. *An Act* to amend the Assessment Law.

We publish this in another place.

80. *An Act* respecting the establishment of Registry Offices in Ridings, and to amend the Registration of Titles (Ontario) Act.

This Act was spoken of in our January issue (page 7). It gives power to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish a Registry Office in such city, junior county or riding, as

he shall deem advisable, and he may order the removal of any Registry Office from one place in a county to another. We trust these powers will be very sparingly exercised, and that the safety of titles and the convenience of the bulk of the profession will not be made subservient to the exigencies of party politics. Section 50 of 31 Vic., cap. 20, is amended so as to read as follows :

"Every notarial copy of any instrument executed in Quebec, the original of which is filed in any notarial office according to the law of Quebec, and which cannot therefore be produced in Ontario and every prothonotarial copy of any instrument executed in Quebec shall be received in lieu of and as *prima facie* evidence of the original instrument, and may be registered and treated under the Act for all purpose as if it were in fact the original instrument, and such notarial or prothonotarial copy shall be registered without any other or further proof of the execution of the same, or of the original thereof, with the seal of the notary or prothonotary attached."

83. *An Act* to amend Chapter 52, 29 & 30 Vic., and Chapter 30, 31 Vic., relating to Municipal Institutions.

We publish this in another place.

95. *An Act* to provide for the appointment of Judicial Officers to whom Estate Bills may be referred.

This is a very short Act contained in one clause, and provides that "the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time issue commissions to the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity, empowering them, or any two of them, to report, under the rules and orders of the Legislative Assembly, to the Assembly in respect to any estate bills, or petitions for estate bills, which may be submitted to the Assembly." The rules and orders referred to in this Act are as follows.

"From and after the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose, every Estate Bill, when read a first time, shall, without special reference, stand referred to the said Commissioners, for their Report, and a copy of such Bill, and of the petition on which the same is founded (to be furnished by the petitioner), shall be forthwith transmitted by the Clerk of Private Bills to the said Commissioners, or one of them, in order that they, or any two of them, may, after perusing the Bill, without requiring any proof of the allegations thereof, report to the House their opinion thereon, under their hands; and whether, presuming the allegations contained in the pre-