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The 49-50 Vict. ch. 14, assented to June 21, 1886, enacts as follows:

1. Article 224 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

"When the service is made upon an incorporated company, the answers may also be given by the president, manager, secretary, treasurer or any other officer or employee of the company, if he holds a general authorization for that purpose.

When such service is made upon a foreign corporation carrying on business in this province, the answers may also be given by the person who is at the time entrusted with carrying on the affairs of the company, whatever be his designation or official title; but such answers may also be given by any person previously authorized specially, by a resolution of the board of directors of such foreign corporation, to appear and answer for it, the interrogatories that may be served upon it.

The answers so given are as binding upon the company as if they had been given under a special resolution of the company passed after the service of the rule and interrogatories upon articulated facts."

2. Article 617 of the said code is amended by striking out the last paragraph thereof and replacing it by the following:

"When a seizure by garnishment is made in the hands of any corporation, the declaration is made by an attorney or by any other person authorized in the manner prescribed in article 224, for answers upon articulated facts."

A circular despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, of date 20th October, 1878, has been republished in the *Official Gazette* for general information. It is as follows:—

SIR,—An application having been recently made for the recognition of an Officer in the Government service of one of the Colonies as Consul of a Foreign State, I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty's

Government are of opinion that such appointments are undesirable, and have decided to make it the rule in future that a Public Officer will not be allowed to act in a consular capacity for a Foreign State.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed,) M. E. HICKS BRACH.

The Officer Administering
the Government of Canada.

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE.

The 49-50 Vict. ch. 21, assented to 21st June 1886, enacts as follows:—

1. The municipal code is amended by adding after article 65 the following article:

"65a. Every rural municipality having a population of ten thousand souls, as established by the last general census, or by a special census certified by the mayor or secretary-treasurer, may, upon petition of the majority in value of the proprietors of the said municipality, according to the valuation roll then in force, be erected into a village municipality by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon a resolution of the council of the municipality, setting forth that it is in the interest of the inhabitants of the locality that such erection into a village should take place; provided always that the territory does not exceed forty-five square arpents, and that such resolution be accompanied with a plan showing the metes and bounds of the municipality.

The territory, as described in the proclamation, forms a village municipality under its own name, dating from the coming into force of the proclamation; but the councillors in office remain so until the expiration of their term, as if the erection had not taken place.

2. Paragraph 3 of article 291 of the said code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: "or at a previous period which any council may fix by by-law, provided that such date be not fixed before the fifteenth of December."

3. Article 1000 of the said code is amended by adding after the said article the following paragraph:

"In all proceedings had and adopted to effect such sale, the county corporation shall not be responsible for the errors and informalities committed by local municipalities,