

## ACES OF LAST SESSION.

This will be published in the *Local Courts' Gazette*.

99. *An Act to amend the Act chaptered 20 of 31 Vic., intituled, an Act respecting Registrars' Offices, and the Registration of Instruments relating to Lands in Ontario.*

By this Act, every Deed executed prior to the passing of 31 Vic., cap. 20, affecting lands situate in more than one county, and of which Deed no memorial has been executed, may be recorded in any one of the counties in which some of the lands are situated, upon proof made in accordance with the said Act, and in the other counties by deposit of a copy of every such deed and proof certified as is provided with respect to powers of attorney in section 47 of the said Act.

101. *An Act to facilitate the business of the Superior Courts.*

This Act is comprised in one section and provides:—

"That it shall be lawful for the Chief Justice of Appeal, (if he shall find it convenient,) to sit in the Court of Queen's Bench, Chancery or Common Pleas, and for any one of the Judges of the said last mentioned three Courts, (if he shall find it convenient,) to sit in either of the said other Courts, upon the request of the Judges or Judge with or for whom he shall be so requested to sit; and the said Chief Justice or other Judge so requested shall while so sitting have all the powers and authority of a Judge of the Court in which he shall be so sitting."

One hundred and four Acts in all were assented to; a goodly array, certainly, as far as numbers are concerned, but the wisdom of some of them is more than questionable. The following are some of the Acts already referred to, and now published in advance of the volume in the hands of the Queen's Printer:—

*An Act to alter the names of the Superior Courts in Ontario.*

(Assented to 15th Feb. 1871.)

Whereas it is expedient to alter the names, &c. Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. The "Court of Queen's Bench for Upper Canada," shall, during the reign of a King be called "His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for Ontario," and during the reign of a Queen "Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for Ontario."

2. "The Court of Common Pleas for Upper Canada," shall be called "The Court of Common Pleas for Ontario."

3. "The Court of Chancery for Upper Canada" shall be called "The Court of Chancery for Ontario."

4. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, no writ, process, or pleading, shall be held void or irregular, merely on account of the use of the old style of any of said Courts, but the same shall be as valid as if the proper style of such Court had been used.

5. The last preceding section of this Act shall be in force until the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and no longer, and after such time the same effect and no other shall be given to such misnomer as if such section had never been passed.

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

(Assented to 15th Feb. 1871.)

Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. [26 V., ch. 41, repealed except as to commissions issued and proceedings thereunder.]

2. [Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint commissioners for taking affidavits, etc., without Ontario, to be used in any court here.]

3. The commissioners so to be appointed shall be styled "Commissioners for taking affidavits in and for the Courts in Ontario."

4. Oaths, affidavits, affirmations or declarations administered, sworn, affirmed or made out of the Province of Ontario, before any commissioner authorized by the Lord Chancellor to administer oaths in Chancery in England, or before any notary public certified under his hand and official seal, or before the mayor or chief magistrate of any city, borough or town corporate in Great Britain or Ireland, or in any colony of Her Majesty without Canada, or in any foreign country, and certified under the common seal of such city, borough, or town corporate, or before a judge of any court of supreme jurisdiction in any colony without Canada belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, or any dependency thereof, or Consular Agent of Her Majesty exercising his functions in any foreign place, for the purposes of and in or concerning any cause, matter or thing depending or in any wise concerning any of the proceedings to be had in the said courts, shall be as valid and effectual and shall be of like force and effect to all intents and purposes as if such oath, affidavit, affirmation or declaration had been administered, sworn, affirmed or made in this Province before a commissioner for taking affidavits therein or other competent authority of the like nature.

5. Any document purporting to have affixed, impressed, or subscribed thereon or thereto the signature of any such commissioner, or the signature and official seal of any such notary-public, or the seal of the corporation, and the signature of any such mayor or chief magistrate as aforesaid, or the seal and sig-