

Cap. 62, "Of Highway Labor," amended.

4. Chapter 62, "Of Highway Labor," is amended as follows:—In section 3 the basis for the scale for additional labor shall be one hundred dollars, instead of two hundred dollars as therein expressed.

Sec. 18, Cap. 63, Rev. Stats. 2d series, repealed.

5. Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, second series, "Of Highway Labor," is amended by the eighteenth section being hereby repealed.

Cap. 128, "Of Jurisdiction of Justices of Peace," amended.

6. Chapter 128 "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Causes," is hereby amended. The last clause of section 4, containing the words "and in case of the defendant not appearing the plaintiff shall be entitled to a judgment by default for the amount of his particulars," is repealed.

To the form of affidavit to obtain a *capias* in the schedule of forms to such chapter, the following words shall be added, "and further, that deponent verily believes that unless a writ of *capias* be granted the debt will be lost, and also that he verily believes that the said (C. D.) is about to leave the country."

In section 16 of said chapter so much of the form of the constable's oath as refers to keeping the jury together "without meat or drink," is hereby repealed.

In section 20 the words "one of the justices issuing a writ" shall be substituted for the words "a justice."

In section 21 the words "eighty dollars" shall be substituted for the words "forty dollars."

The notice prescribed in the schedule to this act shall be endorsed on all summonses and *capias* issued by justices of the peace in civil cases, requiring the defendant to file with the magistrate issuing any such summons his set-off to the plaintiff's claim, a copy of which notice shall be served on the defendant with a copy of such summons.

Notice to be endorsed on the summons :

"Take notice that unless forty-eight hours before the return day of this summons you file the particulars of your set-off to the plaintiff's claim with the magistrate issuing the writ, you will not be permitted to give evidence of any such set-off."

Cap. 134, "Of Pleadings and Practice," amended.

7. Chapter 134 "Of Pleadings and Practice in the Supreme Court," is amended as follows :

Section 86 of such chapter is hereby repealed. The following section is added : "Attorneys and Proctors bills of costs may be sued for and recovered as any other debt, and either party may have such bill taxed at any time before or at the trial. Any bill duly taxed before trial shall be *prima facie* evidence that the amount allowed is payable ; but in cases where the taxation is contested the same shall be final.

The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction as well within the city of Halifax as elsewhere, in all cases relating to absent or absconding debtors where the cause of action shall amount to twenty dollars and upwards.