

during the said period,—under a penalty of one hundred dollars against the keeper thereof if he neglects to close it, and under a like penalty if he sells or gives any spirituous or fermented liquors or drinks as aforesaid. 22 V. c. 82, s. 13.

PREVENTION OF CORRUPT PRACTICES AT ELECTIONS.

Provisions
against bri-
bery and cor-
ruption.

82. No Candidate at any Election shall, directly or indirectly, employ any means of corruption, by giving any sum of money, office, place, employment, gratuity, reward, or any bond, bill, or note or conveyance of land, or any promise of the same, nor shall he either by himself or his authorized Agent for that purpose, threaten any Elector of losing any office, salary, income or advantage, with the intent to corrupt or bribe any Elector to vote for such Candidate, or to keep back any Elector from voting for any other Candidate, nor shall he open and support, or cause to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, any house of public entertainment for the accommodation of the Electors; And if any Representative returned to Parliament is proved guilty before the proper Tribunal, of using any of the above means to procure his Election, his Election shall thereby be declared void, and he shall be incapable of being a Candidate, or being elected or returned during that Parliament. 12 V. c. 27, s. 54.

Punishment
of members
against whom
bribery or
corruption is
proved.

Penalty on
parties giving
or receiving
corruptly any
consideration
for voting.

83. Any person who gives or causes to be given, or loans any sum of money, or gives any office, place or employment, gratuity or reward, or any bond, bill or note, or conveyance of land, or other property, or promise of the same to any Elector, in consideration of or for the purpose of corrupting him to give his vote for any Candidate, or to forbear to give his vote to any Candidate, or as a compensation to any Elector for his loss of time or expenses in going to or returning from voting, or on any other pretence whatsoever, and any voter who accepts the same for the aforesaid purpose, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than twenty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, in the discretion of the Court having jurisdiction of the same, with costs of suit, and which may be sued for and recovered by action or plaint in any Court of Record in this Province, having competent jurisdiction. 12 V. c. 27, s. 55.

How recover-
able.

Votes corrupt-
ly given to be
struck off the
Poll Book.

84. Upon its being proved before the proper Tribunal of the Legislative Council or Assembly, at the trial of any contested Election, that any Elector voting at the said Election was bribed to give his vote, the name of such voter shall be struck from the Poll Book. 12 V. c. 27, s. 56.

PENALTIES AND PUNISHMENTS.

Persons steal-
ing or un-
lawfully tak-
ing or falsi-

85. If any person steals, or unlawfully or maliciously, either by violence or stealth, takes from any Deputy-Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, or from any other person having the lawful