

CHAP. 47.

An Act for the more speedy trial before Police and Stipendiary Magistrates in the Province of Ontario of persons charged with Felonies or Misdemeanors.

[Assented to 8th April, 1875.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of Preamble.
the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts
as follows:—

1. In case any person is charged in Ontario before a Police Trial before
Magistrate or before a Stipendiary Magistrate in any county, Magistrate
district or provisional county in Ontario, with having com- instead of
mitted any offence for which he may be tried at a Court of Court of
General Sessions of the Peace, or in case any person is com- General
mitted to a gaol in the county, district or provisional county, Sessions, by
under the warrant of any Justice of the Peace for trial on a consent of
charge of being guilty of any such offence, such person may, accused.
with his own consent, be tried before such magistrate, and
may, if found guilty, be sentenced by the magistrate to the
same punishment as he would have been liable to if he had
been tried before the Court of General Sessions.

2. The proceedings upon and subsequent to such trial Proceedings
shall be, as nearly as may be, the same as upon a trial under as under 32
the Act of the Parliament of Canada passed in the Session and 33 V.,
held in the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her c. 32.
Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act respecting the prompt and
summary administration of Criminal Justice in certain cases.*"

3. Every conviction under this Act shall have the same Effect of
effect as a conviction upon indictment for the same offence conviction.
would have had, save that no conviction under this Act
shall be attended with forfeiture beyond the penalty (if any)
imposed in the case.

4. Every person who obtains a certificate of a dismissal, or Certificate of
is convicted under this Act, shall be released from all further dismissal or
or other criminal proceedings for the same cause. conviction.

5. No conviction, sentence or proceeding under this Act Conviction,
shall be quashed for want of form; and no warrant of com- &c., not to be
mitment upon a conviction shall be held void by reason of quashed for
any defect therein if it be therein alleged that the offender want of form.
has been convicted, and there be a good and valid conviction
to sustain the same.

6. If any person has, under this Act or under the said Act Effect of
passed in the session held in the thirty-second and thirty- election of
third trial before a