

being a holiday. In case of necessary and urgent business, they must be kept open after 1 p.m. on Saturdays and during vacation.

The Succession Duties Act is amended by ch. 5. Property transferred in contemplation of death to any person in trust or otherwise, is made liable to duty, also annuities so purchased, or otherwise whereby payment of duty is sought to be evaded. Property brought into Ontario is liable to duty. Actions arising out of any succession must be commenced within six years from the date of the succession.

By ch. 7, copies of licenses or other documents, signed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands or his deputy, are now receivable in any Court as prima facie evidence.

Chap. 9 concerns the Algonquin National Park, and empowers the Superintendent to be a health officer, and the park rangers to be sanitary inspectors.

Chap. 12 relates to Crown timber lands, and makes a number of amendments concerning licenses, seizure and fire rangers.

The Mines Act, 1892 (55 Vict., c. 9) is amended by c. 13.

Chap. 17 revises and consolidates the Act respecting Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Chap. 18, to be known as "The Law Courts Act, 1896," amends the Judicature Act, 1895, also R.S.O., caps 47, 52, 56, 65, 91 and 113, and 51 Vict., c. 6; 52 Vict., c. 6; 56 Vict., c. 5; 58 Vict., c. 2, and contains many changes which we may refer to again; in the meantime we note the following:

The court may remove an executor or administrator either for cause or upon his own application. Actions against municipal corporations shall be tried without a jury, and the trial shall take place in the county where the locus in quo is. A Divisional Court may be composed of two members; provided that if the court is divided in opinion the case may be re-argued before a court of three members. Sec 5 of the Evidence Act is repealed, and it is now provided that nothing contained in that Act shall render any person compellable to answer any question tending to subject him to criminal proceedings or to subject him to prosecution for any penalty.