currency, and double the said amount for every subsequent offence; and it shall be lawful for any of the said Boards of Notaries to suspend, for any period, or remove from his office, any Notary within their jurisdiction, who shall be lawfully convicted of having held the office of Notary, at the same time that he exercised the calling of a merchant, trader or manufacturer, or held the office of Registrar or of Clerk as aforesaid: Provided always, that no Registrar now in office shall be affected by the provisions of this section.

Proviso.

Penalty on persons assaulting Notaries.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That any person assaulting or 10 otherwise obstructing a Notary in the due execution of his duty as such, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may on conviction thereof be sentenced to the same punishment as if he had been convicted of an assault on a peace officer or revenue officer in the execution or his duty.

Recovery of fines.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That all fines imposed by this Act. except in such cases as it shall be therein otherwise provided, shall be sued for and recovered by the Syndic of the Board of Notaries for the district in which the offence shall be committed, before the Superior Court; and on the recovery thereof, the said fines shall 20 be handed over by the said Syndic to the Treasurer of the said Board of Notaries, and shall form part of the common fund thereof; and all sentences of suspension or removal of Notaries, shall be pronounced by a civil Court of competent jurisdiction, at the suit and instance of the parties interested, or of the Syndic of the 25 Board, acting ex officio.

The Boards vaults.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That whenever the Board of may have the Notaries either at Montreal, Quebec or Three Rivers, shall custody of the have procured a good and sufficient place with fire-proof vaults, for the purpose of depositing therein Notarial records 30 soon as they valits, for the purpose of depositing therein Notarial records have procured now in the archives of the courts of the said Districts, as well as a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenses necessary for arranging the said papers, then the Board of Nota-ries shall be respectively invested with the possession and keeping of the said records and registers, and also with the pos- 35 session and keeping of all such records and registers as shall be transmitted to them in the cases provided by this Act; and the Secretary of each Board of Notaries shall be the especial keeper of the said papers under the inspection and superintendence of the Board; he shall take care that they be preserved in the best 40 possible order, shall give all required communications, authentic copies and extracts, and shall be entitled to receive one shilling for every communication and at the rate of six pence currency for every hundred words in every copy or extract, and no more: Provided always, that the said Secretary shall keep his office open 45 from the hour of ten in the forenoon to that of four in the afternoon, every day, Sundays and holidays excepted.

Proviso.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.

Public Act.