

inbefore last specified should no longer be punishable with death;—Be it therefore enacted, That from and after the commencement of this Act, if any person shall be convicted of the said offence hereinbefore last specified, such person shall not be subject to any sentence, judgment, or punishment of death; but shall, instead of the sentence or judgment in and by the said last named Chapter ordered to be given or awarded against persons convicted of the said last mentioned offence, be liable, at the discretion of the Court, to be imprisoned with hard labour in the Provincial Penitentiary for the term of the natural life of such person, or for any term not less than seven years.

8. This Act shall commence and take effect on the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

CAP. XXII.

An Act to authorize investigation in cases of Fire in the several Counties of this Province.

Section.

1. Authority of Justice to make inquiry.
2. Justice to inquire into origin of fire.

Section.

3. Justices empowered to compel persons to appear and give evidence.
4. Perjury.

Passed 23rd April 1862.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. It shall be the duty of any Justice of the Peace in and for the several Counties in this Province, when any fire shall occur whereby any house or building, structure or property in any such County, shall be wholly or in part consumed, upon application to him made for that purpose, to institute an inquiry into the cause or origin of such fire, and for that purpose the said Justices respectively are hereby authorized and required to summon and bring before him, all persons who he may deem capable of giving information or evidence touching or concerning such fires, and to examine such persons under oath, which oath the said Justices respectively are authorized to administer, and to reduce their examination to writing, and file the same in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County where the investigation is made.

2. Such Justice shall inquire into the cause or origin of the fire, and whether the same was kindled by design, or was the result of accident or of negligence.

3. If any person summoned to appear before the said Justice by virtue of this Act, and having his fees, agreeably to Title xli, Chapter 163, of the Revised Statutes, paid or tendered to him, shall neglect or refuse to appear at the time and place specified in the summons, or if any person appearing in obedience to any such summons, shall refuse to be examined or to answer any lawful questions that may be put to him in the course of his examination, it shall be lawful for such Justice to enforce the attendance of such person, or to compel such person to answer as the case may require, by the same means as are used by Justices of the Peace for such purposes in other cases.

4. Any person guilty of false swearing under this Act shall be guilty of perjury, and subject to all the pains and penalties therefor.

CAP. XXIII.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Section.

1. Cap. 38 Rev. Stat. Title 3, 17 V. c. 7, 18 V. c. 33, 22 V. c. 10, and 23 V. c. 46, repealed, with certain exceptions.
2. Incorporation of local Societies.
3. Object of such Societies.
4. Amount to be received by each Society annually.
5. Society shall elect officers and make bye laws, &c.
6. Disposal of stock and other articles imported by Society, and terms of sale.
7. Duties of Treasurer and Secretary as to accounts and audit.
8. Restrains premiums and salaries paid by Societies.
9. Local Societies subject to control of Provincial Board.

Section.

10. Societies empowered to fix bounds for shows, &c. ; penalty for intrusion.
11. Continues Provincial Board of Agriculture as a corporate body.
12. Provincial Board, how composed, and mode of elections.
13. Vacancies, how filled up.
14. Empowers Provincial Board to hold triennial Exhibitions, and make rules and regulations for conducting the same.
15. Meetings of Prov. Board, powers of, defined ; expenses limited.
16. Annual Report to be made to Legislature.
17. What may be deemed evidence of legal existence of any Society and of the Provincial Board.
Schedules A, B, C.

Passed 23rd April 1862.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Agriculture, Agricultural Societies, and the Provincial Board of Agriculture ;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows :—