

Superintendent thereof; and Commissioners for the summary trial of small causes may be elected Councillors.

pality may be held by the same persons.

IV. The said Municipality shall be organized and may exercise all its powers and functions, although there may not be three hundred souls within its limits; and any proprietor of real property in the Municipality, whatever be the value thereof, may be elected a Councillor.

Population of 300 souls not required.

V. The annexation of the Township of Westbury in the County of Compton to the Township of Ascot in the said County, by the Registrar holding the elections for the said County under the said Act, for Municipal purposes,—and the annexation of the Township of Auckland to the Township of Newport in the said County,—and the annexation of the Township of South Ham to the Township of Ham in the County of Wolfe,—and of the Township of Stoke to the Township of Windsor in the County of Richmond,—by the same officer, for the same purposes, shall be considered and held to be and to have been legal and valid, and the elections of Councillors under such unions, and all the acts, proceedings and by-laws of the Councils of the unions of townships, shall be held to be as legal and valid in all respects as if the said townships had been legally annexed at the time they were so united; and the said townships shall remain united for municipal purposes until separation shall be sought and obtained by the inhabitants of the less populous townships, after such townships shall have acquired a population of three hundred souls.

The annexation of certain townships to others in the Counties of Compton, Wolfe and Richmond by the Registrar confirmed.

C A P . L X X I I .

An Act to legalize a certain School Assessment in the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

WHEREAS the School Commissioners of the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, have entered into engagements in order to carry the School Law into effect in that Parish; And whereas the School Assessment for the scholastic year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five and fifty-six, was inadvertently made after the time prescribed by law, and it is expedient to legalize the said School Assessment in order to enable the School Commissioners to meet the engagements entered into by them for the purposes of education: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The Assessment made and the rate fixed for educational purposes by the School Commissioners of the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska for the scholastic year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five and fifty-six, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid.

School assessment and rate for 1855, 1856, confirmed.

II.

May be collected as if regularly imposed.

II. It shall be lawful for the School Commissioners of the said Parish to collect the assessment and taxes aforesaid, in the same manner as if they had been regularly imposed.

Public Act.

III. This Act shall be a Public Act.

C A P . L X X I I I .

An Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company.

[Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company, acting under the belief that they had lawful right to purchase, build, own and work steam vessels on Lake Simcoe, to ply in connection with their railway, purchased one steam vessel, and contracted for and built another, on that lake, and in order to induce traffic over their road, between Lakes Ontario, Huron, Michigan and Superior, made arrangements with steamboat proprietors to run their boats in connection with the said railroad; And whereas doubts have arisen whether they have sufficient authority in Law in that behalf, and whether they have power to enforce such contracts, or are liable on the same; And whereas it is desirable that such rights should be fully confirmed to the said Company: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Company to have and to be held to have had power to own and work vessels on Lake Simcoe, and to make agreements for or charter vessels on Ontario, Huron, Michigan or Superior and, fix tolls, &c.

I. The said Company shall be held to have had and shall have power and authority to purchase, build, complete, fit out and charter, sell and dispose of, work and control, and keep in repair the said steam vessels on Lake Simcoe, and one or more other vessels, from time to time, to ply on the said Lake in connection with their railway; and also, to make arrangements and agreements with steamboat proprietors on the other Lakes, by chartering or otherwise, to run vessels in connection with their said line of railway; and, in addition to the powers already vested in the Directors of the said Company, it shall be lawful for them, by By-law approved by the Governor in Council, to fix, establish and regulate from time to time, all tolls, charges and payments to be paid or payable to or for the uses of the said Company, for conveying goods and passengers on the said railway, and vessels running in connection therewith, or in the said vessels alone: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall be held to affect the legal rights of John Gartshore, of the Town of Dundas, Iron-Founder, for or in respect of any alleged claim or claims against any person or persons now or heretofore connected with the said Railway Company as Shareholders, Directors or otherwise, in their individual capacity.

Proviso: as to claim of John Gartshore.

Public Act.

II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.