



CHAPTER 95

An Act to amend the charter of the town of St. Laurent

[Assented to, the 14th of June, 1940]

WHEREAS the town of St. Laurent has, by its Preamble. petition, represented:

That it is necessary for the good administration of its affairs to again replace by provisions more in accordance with its present needs section 2 of the act 3 George V, chapter 71, amending the charter of the town of St. Laurent, heretofore replaced by section 1 of the act 20 George V, chapter 114, in order to give to the town the power to value according to a special method any land under cultivation or farmed or used as pasture for cattle, as well as any uncleared land or wood lots, including the farmer's dwelling, situated within the limits of the town;

That by the act 3 George V, chapter 71, when the town of St. Laurent annexed certain territories, it was enacted that the lands under cultivation or farmed, within the limits of the said town of St. Laurent, could not be valued at an amount higher than two hundred dollars per arpent for a period of fifteen years, ending on the 1st of January, 1930;

That under the provisions of the act 20 George V, chapter 114, it was enacted that the said lands could not be valued at more than three hundred dollars per arpent, for a period of ten years, ending on the 1st of January, 1940;

That, at the time of the passing of these acts, it was hoped that these lands would, in that space of time, be converted into town lots and be built upon;

That all the lands in question have remained under cultivation, their owners being unable to derive any other revenue therefrom or to otherwise dispose of them;

That it is necessary to reestablish the valuation of the said lands on a more equitable basis, seeing that their value has not increased, but, on the contrary, has if anything diminished during the period above mentioned;

That under the circumstances the owners of land under cultivation, situated in the town of St. Laurent, are justified in asking the latter:

1.—That the said lands be not valued at more than two hundred dollars per arpent;

2.—That there be included in this same valuation the barns, stables and other buildings used in farming the said lands, as well as the farmer's dwelling-house the value whereof does not exceed three thousand dollars; if the contrary be the case, the amount of the valuation of the said dwelling-house exceeding the sum of three thousand dollars shall serve as the basis for the imposition of taxes;

3.—That the above-mentioned changes shall remain in force for a period of fifteen years;

Whereas the town of St. Laurent has prayed that an act be passed for the purposes hereinabove stated;

Whereas it is expedient and in the public interest to grant the prayer contained in the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

3 Geo. V,
c. 71, s. 2
replaced.

1. Section 2 of the act 3 George V, chapter 71, as replaced by the act 20 George V, chapter 114, section 1, is again replaced by the following:

R. S., c. 102,
s. 522, re-
placed for the
town.

2. Section 522 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 102), as replaced, for the town, by the act 20 George V, chapter 114, is again replaced, for the town, by the following:

Valuation of
land under
cultivation,
etc.

522. No land under cultivation or farmed or used as pasture for cattle, and no uncleared land or wood lots within the municipality, shall be taxed at a rate exceeding one-fourth of the general and regular

rate of the tax imposed upon the other immoveables of the municipality. Nevertheless, the said lands under cultivation or farmed shall not be valued at an amount higher than two hundred dollars per arpent, for a period of fifteen years, from the 1st of January, 1940; such valuation shall include the barns, stables and other buildings used in connection with the said lands, as well as the house used as a farmer's dwelling, the value whereof not exceeding three thousand dollars; if the valuation of the said dwelling-house exceeds three thousand dollars, the aforesaid tax on the said dwelling-house shall be computed only on the amount exceeding the said sum of three thousand dollars."

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

