



## CHAPTER 121

### An Act to incorporate the town of Val d'Or

*[Assented to, the 20th of May, 1937]*

**WHEREAS** the council of the village of Val d'Or Preamble.  
has, by its petition, represented:

That the work done and under way in the townships of Bourlamaque and Dubuisson, in the county of Abitibi, for operating the mines therein, will induce a large influx of persons who will settle in the territory described in section 2 of this act;

That a portion of such territory was erected into a municipality under the name of "Village of Val d'Or" on the 15th day of August, 1935, under the provisions of the Municipal Code;

That another and greater portion of the said territory has been and will be subdivided into building lots and a great many people have built and will build dwelling-houses, shops and other buildings thereon and will erect churches, schools and other edifices;

That waterworks, lighting and drainage services will be put in and other indispensable services to make the proposed town a modern one and secure the welfare of the inhabitants will be established therein;

That these improvements are to be started forthwith and the already remarkable progress of the proposed town will thereby be considerably accelerated;

That it is accordingly expedient to erect the said territory into a town municipality;

Whereas a prayer to that effect is contained in the said petition; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner;

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

Short title. **1.** This act may be cited as “Charter of the Town of Val d’Or”.

Territory of town. **2.** The territory of the town of Val d’Or shall comprise: 1. in the township of Dubuisson, referring to the official cadastre of the said township, lots numbers 59, 60, 61, 62 of the 8th and 9th ranges, all the subdivisions now made and to be made in future, in the said lots, and the part of Lake Blouin situated to the south of the prolongation of the separation line of the 9th and 10 ranges of the township of Dubuisson; 2. in the township of Bourlamaque, referring to the official cadastre for the said township, blocks 13 and 34, a portion of block 14, and all the subdivisions now made and all those to be made in future in the said blocks, and an undivided part of the said township of Bourlamaque corresponding to the lot designated by No. A-52253, and to a part of the lots designated by Nos. A-33620 and A-33621 now held as mining claims, the whole as above enumerated, together with the roads, streets, lanes, public places, right of way for railways, electric power transmission line, waterworks cadastrated or not, rivers, watercourses or portions thereof comprised within the following limits, namely: Starting from the apex of the northeast angle of block 34 in the township of Bourlamaque; thence, passing successively by the following lines: the eastern limit of block 34, the southern limit of the same block, the eastern limit of block 14 from the southern limit of block 34 to the prolongation of the separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges of the township of Dubuisson, the said prolongation and the said separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges to the west line of lot 59 of the 8th range of the township of Dubuisson, the said west line of lot 59 of the 8th range and the west line of lot 59 of the 9th range in two sections connected by the shore of Lake Blouin, to the separation line of the 9th and 10th ranges, the latter line to Lake Blouin and its prolongation through the said lake to the prolongation of the separation line of the townships of

Dubuisson and Bourlamaque, the said prolongation and the said separation line of the townships of Dubuisson and Bourlamaque to its intersection point with the separation line of the 8th and 9th ranges of the township of Dubuisson; thence, a straight line to the apex of the angle most to the northwest of block 34 of the township of Bourlamaque and, finally, from this last point the northern limit of the said block 34 to the starting point.

**3.** The inhabitants and ratepayers of the territory mentioned in section 2 as well as all those who may join or succeed to them are incorporated as a town under the name of "Town of Val d'Or".

Incorporation.  
Name

**4.** The corporation shall be governed by the Cities and Towns' Act, (chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes of 1925, and amendments), except in so far as the present act may specially derogate therefrom or contain provisions inconsistent therewith.

Governing  
provisions.

**5.** The town shall comprise six wards bounded as follows, but may change the same according to law:

Division into  
wards.

#### WARD NUMBER 1

Starting from the apex of the southeast angle of block 34 of the township of Bourlamaque; thence, passing successively by the following lines and demarcations—streets being designated by their subdivision numbers—the southern limit of block 34 to the axis of street No. 34-279, such axis to its intersection point with the south side of street No. 34-403; thence a straight line to the axis of street No. 34-201; the said axis of street No. 34-201 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 34-325; the said axis of street No. 34-325 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 34-447; the said prolongation and the said axis of street No. 34-447 to its intersection point with the south side of the right of way of an electric power transmission line bearing No. 34-568; from the latter intersection point a straight line, crossing the said right of way to the axis of a proposed street, such axis and its prolongation going northerly for an approximate length of one thousand six hundred and forty feet to the axis of another proposed street, following the axis of such proposed street towards the west for an

Ward num-  
ber 1.

approximate distance of seventy feet to the prolongation of the east line of a public place situated near the station; thence, going towards the north, the said prolongation, the said east line of the said public place and the prolongation of the said line crossing the railway yard and continuing towards the north for a total approximate distance of six hundred and fifty feet to the axis of a proposed street; following the said axis towards the east for an approximate distance of seventy-five feet to the prolongation of the axis of another proposed street, following such prolongation and axis towards the north for an approximate distance of one thousand three hundred and ninety feet to the northern limit of block 34, the said northern limit of block 34 to the eastern limit of the same block and finally, the said eastern limit to the starting point.

#### WARD NUMBER II

Ward number II.

Starting from the intersection point of the southern limit of block 34 with the axis of the street bearing subdivision number 34-279; thence, passing successively by the following lines and demarcations—streets being designated by their subdivision numbers—the axis of street No. 34-279 to its intersection point with the south side of street No. 34-403; from the latter point a straight line to the axis of street No. 34-201; said axis of street No. 34-201 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 34-325; the said axis of street No. 34-325 to the prolongation of the axis of street 34-447, said prolongation and axis of street No. 34-447 to its intersection point with the south side of the right of way of an electric power transmission line bearing No. 34-568; from the latter intersection point a straight line crossing the said right of way to the axis of a proposed street, such axis and its prolongation going towards the north for an approximate length of one thousand six hundred and forty feet to the axis of another proposed street, following the axis of such other proposed street towards the west for an approximate distance of seventy feet to the prolongation of the east line of a public place situated near the station; thence going towards the north, said prolongation, said east line of the said public place, and the prolongation of said line crossing the railway yard and continuing towards the north, for a total approximate distance of six hundred and fifty feet to the axis of a proposed street,

following the latter axis towards the east for an approximate distance of seventy-five feet to the prolongation of the axis of another proposed street, following such prolongation and axis towards the north for an approximate distance of one thousand three hundred and ninety feet to the northern limit of block 34, said northern limit of block 34 to the apex of the angle most to the northwest of the said block; from the latter point the western limit of block 34 to the apex of the northeast angle of block 13, the eastern limit of block 13, following the southern limit of block 13 towards the west for an approximate distance of ninety feet to the axis of a proposed street, following said axis towards the south for an approximate distance of one thousand three hundred and eighty feet to its intersection point with the north side of the right of way of an electric power transmission line bearing number 34-568; thence, a straight line crossing said right of way to the axis of street No. 34-502, said axis of street No. 34-502 and its prolongation through street No. 34-325 to the northeast side of the right of way of an electric power transmission line bearing No. 34-405, following said northeast side of said right of way towards the southeast to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 34-93, said prolongation through said right of way and street No. 34-105, said axis of street No. 34-93 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 34-1, said axis of street No. 34-1 and the axis of street No. 34-376 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 34-365, said prolongation and axis of street No. 34-365 to the southern limit of block 34, and finally, following said southern limit of block 34 towards the east to the starting point.

### WARD NUMBER III

Starting from the apex of the angle most northwest of block 34; thence, passing successively by the following lines and demarcations—streets being designated by their subdivision numbers—the western limit of block 34 to the apex of the northeast angle of block 13, the eastern limit of block 13, following the southern limit of block 13 towards the west for an approximate distance of ninety feet to the axis of a proposed street, following said axis towards the south for an approximate distance of one thousand three hundred and ninety feet to its intersection point with the north side of

the right of way of an electric power transmission line bearing number 34-568; thence, a straight line crossing said right of way to the axis of street No. 34-502, said axis of street No. 34-502 and its prolongation through street No. 34-325, to the northeast side of the right of way of an electric power transmission line bearing number 34-405, following said northeast side of the said right of way towards the southeast to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 34-93, said prolongation through said right of way and street No. 34-105, said axis of street No. 34-93 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 34-1, said axis of street No. 34-1 and the axis of street No. 34-376 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 34-365, said prolongation and axis of street No. 34-365 to the southern limit of block 34, following the southern limit of block 34 towards the west to a line running astronomically south from the southwestern extremity of the axis of street No. 34-392, following said astronomically south line in a northerly direction, said axis of street No. 34-392, and its prolongation through street No. 34-56, the axis of street No. 34-12 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 34-1, said axis of street No. 34-1 and the axis of street No. 14-43 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 14-4, its prolongation through street No. 14-86 and the axis of street No. 14-89 to the prolongation of the northeast side of lane No. 14-111, said prolongation and northeast side of lane No. 14-111 to the eastern limit of block 14, following said eastern limit of block 14 towards the north to its intersection point with the southern limit of block 13, thence, a line running astronomically north to the northern limit of the town and finally, following said northern limit of the town towards the east to the starting point.

#### WARD NUMBER IV

Ward number IV.

Starting from the intersection point of the southern limit of block 34 with a line running astronomically south from the southwestern extremity of the axis of street No. 34-392; thence, passing successively by the following lines and demarcations—streets being designated by their subdivision numbers—following said astronomically south line in a northerly direction, said axis of street No. 34-392, and its prolongation through street No. 34-56, the axis of street No. 34-12 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 34-1, said axis

of street No. 34-1 and the axis of street No. 14-43 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 14-4, said prolongation, said axis of street No. 14-4, its prolongation through street No. 14-86 and the axis of street No. 14-89 to the prolongation of the northeast side of lane No. 14-111, said prolongation and northeast side of lane 14-111 to the eastern limit of block 14, following said eastern limit of block 14 towards the north to its intersection point with the southern limit of block 13; thence, a line running astronomically north to the northern limit of the town, following said northern limit of the town towards the west to the intersection point of the separation line of the 8th and 9th ranges of the township of Dubuisson with the separation line of the townships of Dubuisson and Bourlamaque, following said separation line of the townships of Dubuisson and Bourlamaque in a southerly direction to the north side of the railway's right of way, said north side of the railway's right of way to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 62-68, the latter prolongation, said axis of street No. 62-68 and its prolongation through street No. 62-1, the axis of street No. 61-8 and 62-2 and its prolongation through street No. 61-7, the axis of street 61-4 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 61-1, the said prolongation and axis of street No. 61-1, the axis of street No. 62-45 to its intersection point with the prolongation of the axis of street No. 62-89; thence a straight line to the northwest extremity of the axis of street No. 62-80, said axis of street No. 62-80 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 62-82, said axis of street No. 62-82 to its southwestern extremity; thence, a line running astronomically south to the separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges of the township of Dubuisson, said separation line and its prolongation to the eastern limit of block 14 of the township of Bourlamaque, said eastern limit of block 14 to the southern limit of block 34, and finally, said southern limit of block 34 to the starting point.

#### WARD NUMBER V

Starting at the intersection point of the separation line of the 8th and 9th ranges of the township of Dubuisson with the separation line of the townships of Dubuisson and Bourlamaque; thence, passing successively by the following lines and demarcations—

Ward number V.

streets being designated by their subdivision numbers—following said separation line of the townships of Dubuisson and Bourlamaque towards the south to the north side of the railway's right of way, said north side of the railway's right of way to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 62-68, the latter prolongation, said axis of street No. 62-68 and its prolongation through street No. 62-1, the axis of street Nos. 61-8 and 62-2 and its prolongation through street No. 61-7, the axis of street No. 61-4 to the prolongation of the axis of street No. 61-1, said prolongation and axis of street No. 61-1, the axis of street No. 62-45 to its intersecting point with the prolongation of the axis of street No. 62-89; thence, a straight line to the northwestern extremity of the axis of street No. 62-80, said axis of street No. 62-80 and its prolongation to the axis of street No. 62-82, said axis of street No. 62-82 to its southwestern extremity; thence, a line running astronomically south to the separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges of the township of Dubuisson, such separation line in a westerly direction to a line running astronomically south from the intersection point of the axis of a proposed street with the prolongation of the axis of street No. 60-23, following such astronomically southern line in a northerly direction for an approximate distance of one thousand eight hundred and fifty feet, said prolongation of the axis of street No. 60-23, crossing street No. 60-29, said axis of street No. 60-23 and its prolongation through street No. 60-18, the axis of street No. 60-17 and its prolongation through street No. 60-9, the axis of street No. 60-4 and its prolongation through street No. 61-1 and continuing towards the northeast to its intersection point with the separation line of lots numbers 60 and 61 of the 8th range of the township of Dubuisson; thence, in a northerly direction, said separation line of lots numbers 60 and 61 of the 8th range, the separation line of lots numbers 60 and 61 of the 9th range and its prolongation in Lake Blouin to its intersection point with the prolongation, in said lake, of the separation line of the 9th and 10th ranges, said prolongation of the separation line of the 9th and 10th ranges continuing in the lake in an easterly direction to its intersection point with the prolongation, always in the lake, of the separation line of the townships of Dubuisson and Bourlamaque; finally, thence, said prolongation of the separation line of the townships of Du-



buisson and Bourlamaque and said separation line of said townships in a southerly direction to the starting point.

#### WARD NUMBER VI

Starting from the intersection of the separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges of the township of Dubuis-<sup>Ward num-  
ber VI.</sup>son with the western line of lot number 59 of the 8th range of the said township; thence, passing successively by the following lines and demarcations —streets being designated by their subdivision numbers—said western line of lot number 59 of the 8th range and the western line of lot number 59 of the 9th range in two sections connected by the shore of Lake Blouin, to the separation line of the 9th and 10th ranges of the township of Dubuisson, said separation line of the 9th and 10th ranges and its prolongation in Lake Blouin to its intersection point with the prolongation of the separation line of lots numbers 60 and 61 of the 9th range of the township of Dubuisson; thence, going in a southerly direction said prolongation of the separation line of lots numbers 60 and 61 of the 9th range, such line and separation line of lots numbers 60 and 61 of the 8th range to its intersection point with the prolongation of the axis of street No. 6044, said prolongation crossing street No. 60-1, said axis of street No. 60-4 and its prolongation through street No. 60-9, the axis of street No. 60-17, the prolongation of street No. 60-23 through street No. 60-18, the axis of street No. 60-23 and its prolongation crossing street No. 60-29 and continuing to its intersection point with the axis of a proposed street at an approximate distance of one hundred and ninety feet south of street No. 60-29; from this intersection point a line running astronomically south to the separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges of the township of Dubuisson, and finally, following said separation line of the 7th and 8th ranges in a westerly direction to the starting point.

**6.** One alderman per ward shall be elected by the <sup>One alder-  
man per  
ward.</sup>majority of the municipal electors who have voted in the ward.

**7.** The first general election shall be held on the <sup>First general  
election.</sup>date fixed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce.

Preparation  
of valuation  
roll.

**8.** For such purpose there shall be prepared forthwith a valuation roll of all properties situated both within the present limits of the village of Val d'Or and in the unorganized territory which will be hereby incorporated to form the town of Val d'Or.

How made.

Such valuation roll shall be made by three assessors appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce.

Making of  
electors' list.

**9.** For the purposes of such first election, there shall also be made an electors' list by a person designated by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce, and such person shall associate with himself two other persons, one to represent the ratepayers of the Village of Val d'Or and the other the ratepayers occupying the territory of the East-West Exploration Company, Limited. In the event of disagreement the decision of the representative of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce shall be final.

Voters.

For the purposes of such first election, only the persons entered on the above-mentioned list so prepared shall vote.

R.S., c. 102,  
s. 124, re-  
placed for  
town.

**10.** For the purposes of the first election only, section 124 of the Cities and Towns' Act shall be replaced, for the town, by of the following:

Qualification  
of mayor and  
aldermen.

**"124.** For the purposes of the first election which shall be held on the day fixed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce, no person may be either nominated or elected mayor or alderman nor hold such office, unless he, during the six months immediately preceding the day of nomination, has been seized of and has possessed as proprietor in his own name or in that of his wife, immoveable property in the territory included in the town of Val d'Or of the value of six hundred dollars, after payment or deduction of every hypothec and privilege registered thereon; such qualification to be established by the valuation roll in force at the date of the nomination."

Loan author-  
ized.

**11.** The town of Val d'Or is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of four hundred thousand dollars as the need therefor is felt, for purposes of the construction of waterworks, sewerage and drainage systems, streets and sidewalks, the purchase of a fire protection equipment and the erection of a town hall. The loan

or loans by means of bonds, to be contracted under this section, must be enacted by means of a by-law submitted to the ordinary formalities prescribed in the case of such loans, except that the approval of the elector-proprietors shall not be required.

The town of Val d'Or is authorized to repay out of such four hundred thousand dollars the sums advanced to the village of Val d'Or by the East-West Exploration Company, Limited.

**12.** The mayor and aldermen of the Val d'Or council elected at the first election shall remain in office until the first juridical day of February, 1940, when the second general election will be held under the Cities and Towns' Act.

**13.** Section 108 of the Cities and Towns' Act is replaced, for the town, by the following:

**"108.** The council shall, by resolution, appoint a "manager", who shall be executive officer of the municipality, whose duties shall be to supervise and direct under the control of the council, the affairs of the municipality and the work it causes to be carried out. Such manager must be a British subject."

**14.** Section 109 of the Cities and Towns' Act is replaced, for the town, by the following:

**"109.** Among the duties and powers of the manager shall be the following:

1. To carry out all the by-laws and resolutions of the council;

2. To supervise, direct, and check the operations of all the departments of the town and of all officers and employees appointed by him;

3. To appoint, suspend and dismiss, at his discretion, any municipal officer or employee other than the members of the council, the secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, the auditors and assessors.

All officers and employees appointed by the manager shall remain in office during his pleasure;

4. To fix the salaries and remuneration of all officers and employees appointed by him; but any salary and remuneration exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars a year must be approved by the council and, if not so approved, the municipality shall not be bound to pay it;

5. To effect all the purchases of the articles and effects needed for the ordinary working of all the departments of the municipality and for the use of the council and of the officers appointed by the council, but to the extent only of the sums placed at his disposal by the council for such purposes;

6. To take cognizance of the correspondence and communications sent to the municipality and see that they be promptly dealt with by its officers;

7. To examine and sign, if they are correct, the weekly or monthly pay sheets, and approve payment thereof by the treasurer;

8. To examine the accounts, payment whereof is claimed from the municipality and, if they are correct, after they have been verified by the secretary-treasurer, approve them for payment by the latter;

9. To prepare, with the chief officers of the departments, for each monthly meeting of the council, a complete report of the work done during the previous month, with the suggestions he may deem useful to suggest for the work to be done in the ensuing month;

10. To prepare, with the chief officers of the departments, the annual estimates, and report thereon to the council and to each of the committees;

11. To prepare, with the chief officer of each department or the officer in charge of any service in the administration, the plans and specifications for the work to be given by contract, draw up the notices calling for tenders and have them published by the secretary-treasurer;

12. To open, in the presence of the members of the council, in meeting assembled, the tenders received for work to be done by contract, and recommend which of the tenders he thinks should be accepted by the council;

13. To study the drafts of by-laws, including loan by-laws, and communicate to the council his views and suggestions on the provisions such draft by-laws are intended to enact;

14. To advise the council on the steps to be taken to carry out the by-laws and enforce their observance;

15. To see that the monies voted by the council are used for the purposes for which they were voted;

16. To investigate the complaints and claims made against the municipality and report his opinion thereon

to the council as well as to the committee charged with their examination;

17. To study the needs and everything that might be of interest to the municipality; suggest whatever steps may be expedient to take for an efficacious and economical administration and to promote the progress of the municipality and the welfare of the citizens;

18. To call a special meeting of a committee whenever he thinks it necessary, after consulting the chairman;

19. To attend the sittings of the council and of the committees and give his opinion and make the observations and suggestions he may deem expedient on the subjects under discussion, but without the right to vote;

20. To perform any other duty assigned to him by the council."

**15.** Sections 110, 111, 118, 119, 120 and 121 of the Provisions Cities and Towns' Act shall not apply to the town of Val d'Or. not applicable to town.

**16.** Section 112 of the Cities and Towns' Act is R.S., c. 102, replaced, for the town, by the following: s. 112, replaced for town.

"**112.** The council shall, by resolution adopted at its first regular sitting, appoint a manager for such term or terms of office as it may determine, but not beyond the first juridical day of March, 1942, and until his successor enters into office. Term of office of manager restricted.

After such date, the council shall, in the same manner, at its first regular sitting, appoint a manager who shall remain in office until removed in the manner mentioned in section 117 of this act. Subsequent term of office.

**17.** Section 117 of the Cities and Towns' Act is R.S., c. 102, replaced, for the town, by the following: s. 117, replaced for town.

"**117.** The manager shall remain in office during the council's pleasure; and he cannot be dismissed or his salary reduced except by a resolution adopted by the absolute majority of the members of the council. Such resolution shall not have effect until approved by the Quebec Municipal Commission. Dismissal, etc., of manager.

**18.** The manager upon entering office may appoint an assistant-manager whose duty shall consist in helping him. Appointing of assistant-manager.

ing the manager under the latter's supervision and direction, and, if the manager be absent, incapacitated or unable to perform his duties, or if the office of manager become vacant, to perform the duties of such office, with the same rights, powers, privileges and obligations and under the same penalties as are prescribed by law for such office.

**Dismissal.** If the manager be dismissed, the council may, by the same resolution dismissing him, or by a subsequent resolution, dismiss the assistant-manager in the same manner and with the same effect as in the manager's case.

**Exercising of powers by mayor.** If the offices of manager and assistant-manager become vacant at the same time, until the appointment of a new manager the mayor shall exercise all the powers and fulfil all the duties of manager.

**Quebec Municipal Commission as manager.** **19.** The Quebec Municipal Commission shall, until the first juridical day of February, 1942, be the manager appointed therefor and exercise over the municipality of Val d'Or the rights, powers and control contemplated by sections 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, and their amendments, of the act 22 George V, chapter 56.

**Substituted in rights, etc.** **20.** The town of Val d'Or, hereby incorporated, shall succeed to the rights, obligations, property, privileges, titles, claims and actions of the corporation of the village of Val d'Or and shall be substituted there-to for all purposes.

**Preparation of statement of debts. How debts to be paid.** **21.** A statement shall be prepared of the debts contracted by the village of Val d'Or up to the date of the incorporation. Such debts shall be paid by a special tax imposed upon the residents of the town of Val d'Or, as hereby incorporated.

**Restriction.** **22.** The constructions or buildings existing within the limits of the village of Val d'Or at the date of the sanction of this act shall not be subject to article 536 of the Civil Code; constructions begun after such date shall, however, be subject to the said article 536.

**R.S., c. 102, s. 523, replaced for town.** **23.** Section 523 of the Cities and Towns' Act is replaced, for the town, by the following :

**Imposing of annual taxes.** **"523.** The council may impose and levy annually:

1. On the stock-in-trade or articles of commerce of all description kept by the merchants and dealers and exposed for sale in shops, or kept in vaults, warehouses or store-houses; on all yards or depots for rough, sawn or manufactured wood or lumber; and on all yards or depots for coal or other articles of commerce kept for sale, a tax of not more than one per cent on the estimated average value of such stock-in-trade or other articles of commerce.

2. On all tenants paying rent in the municipality, a tax of not more than eight cents in the dollar on the amount of their rent or of the annual value of the property as entered on the valuation roll.

Every person, occupying property or part of any property of which he is neither the owner nor the lessee, shall be liable for the payment of such tax.

3. In addition to any other tax, an annual tax, in the form of a license, on every person, firm, company or corporation operating one or more chain-stores within the limits of the city, the principal place of business whereof is outside of such limits, the said tax not to exceed five hundred dollars for each store.

For the purposes of this paragraph the word "chain-store" includes a store forming part of a series of commercial establishments, practically similar, belonging to the same owner." "Chain-store".

**24.** The provisions of section 180 of the Quebec Mining Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 80) shall not apply to the town. Provisions not applicable to town.

**25.** The East-West Exploration Company, Limited, and the Harricana Gold Mines, Limited, shall cede gratuitously to the corporations interested the lots required for the construction of churches, presbyteries, cemeteries and Catholic and Protestant schools, as well as for hospitals and playgrounds. Ceding of certain land to town.

If the company or companies and the corporation or corporations interested cannot agree upon the choice of the site or upon the extent of ground required for any of the above-mentioned purposes, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a person to act as arbitrator, and the decision of the arbitrator upon the questions as to the site or the extent of ground required shall be final and without appeal. Arbitration in certain event.

**Population.**     **26.** The population of the town hereby incorporated shall be deemed to be in excess of five thousand.

**Expenses of act.**     **27.** The legal costs, fees and disbursements incurred for the passing of this act shall be paid by the town of Val d'Or as an ordinary debt incurred in the public interest.

**Coming into force.**     **28.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.