



CHAPTER 117

An Act to ratify a resolution of the city of Three Rivers respecting the water tax payable by The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited

[Assented to, the 6th of March, 1935]

WHEREAS The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited, Preamble. has, by its petition, represented:

That the said company has been established in the city of Three Rivers for a great many years and operates therein a very important industry;

That, since its establishment in Three Rivers, the company has disbursed considerable sums, employed a large number of workmen and contributed extensively to the development and progress of the city;

That the water supplied by the city of Three Rivers waterworks cannot be profitably used in the manufacture of the company's merchandise as it contains matter which would greatly lower the quality of the goods manufactured;

That the said company has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to construct and operate at its own cost a complete waterworks system to provide its factory with pure water and protect it from fire, after an agreement with the city of Three Rivers;

That the said company's factory is only connected with the waterworks of the city of Three Rivers, should its own waterworks system be temporarily out of order or insufficient, and as an additional protection against fire;

That the city of Three Rivers has claimed from the company as water tax for the years from the 1st of May, 1932, to the 31st of December, 1934, a sum of twenty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, and the company has alleged that it does not owe such tax for

many reasons, amongst others: as its factory is supplied by its own waterworks system;

That certain difficulties have hitherto existed between the council of the city of Three Rivers and The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited, in this connection;

That The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited, wishing to contribute to the revenues of the city of Three Rivers, in a manner which it thinks efficacious, and for the purpose of avoiding any difficulties and litigation, came to a compromise and agreement with the city of Three Rivers, by a resolution adopted unanimously by the council of the city of Three Rivers on the 7th of January, 1935, and accepted by the company, whereby the company agrees to pay to the city of Three Rivers a sum of twenty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents as payment for the water tax from the 1st of May, 1932, to the 31st of December, 1934, the said resolution fixing, for a period of ten years, extending from the 1st of January, 1935, to the 1st of January, 1945, the water tax on The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited, at twelve cents per thousand gallons of water which it may take from the city's waterworks system, and also fixing at a lump sum of five hundred dollars per annum the amount which it shall pay during the said period of ten years, to the city of Three Rivers, for the additional protection against fire;

That the said resolution stipulates that it must be ratified by the Legislature;

That The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited, desires to obtain the ratification of the said resolution by an act of the Quebec Legislature;

Wherefore the petitioning company prays for the confirmation and ratification of the said resolution: and

Whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer;

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

Validation
of resolution
of council of
city of
Three
Rivers.

1. The resolution adopted by the municipal council of the city of Three Rivers on the 7th of January, 1935, and accepted by The Wabasso Cotton Company, Limited, fixing, for a period of ten years, the water tax which the said company must pay to the city of Three Rivers, is hereby ratified, confirmed and declared valid for all legal purposes.

Coming into
force.

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